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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 80616 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy Nadel

## RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF AB 161 (BASS), THE COLLABORATIVE OPPORTUNITIES FOR REHABILITATION ACT OF 2007

**WHEREAS**, there is a consistent trend of rising prison population in correctional facilities at both the state and county level; and

**WHEREAS**, despite the increased number of incarcerated individuals, there has not been a corresponding decrease in crime and violence in our communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the local jail population in California has increased over 260% since 1978; and

**WHEREAS**, the challenges individuals face when they are released from local jail systems are not currently adequately addressed; and

**WHEREAS**, most individuals released from local jails find it difficult to successfully navigate back into the community without support and professional help; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2002, nationwide 39% of local jail inmates have served three (3) or more sentences; and

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill (AB) 161 is designed to reduce crime and recidivism in our communities by funding community based organizations to partner with law enforcement to provide education, rehabilitation, employment, and mental health services to those released from local jails; and

**WHEREAS**, if AB 161 passes, the programs will assist former jail inmates to successfully reintegrate into society, reducing crime and the high numbers of inmates in state and local correctional facilities; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: That the City Council declares its support of AB 161 by Assemblymember Karen Bass; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**: That the City Council urges its legislative representatives to sign on as co-sponsors of this bill; and, be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council directs the City Administrator and the City's legislative lobbyist to advocate for the above position in the State legislature.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUN 5 2007, 20    

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

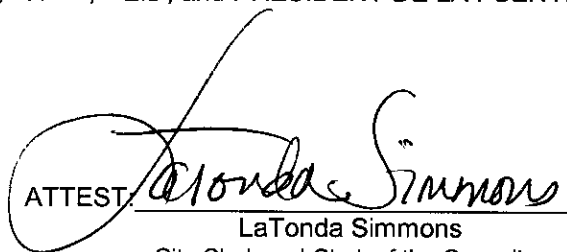
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST



LaTonda Simmons  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council  
of the City of Oakland, California