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**Date:** Tuesday, March 7<sup>th</sup>, 2016

**To:** Members of the City Council

**Cc:** LaTonda Simmons, City Clerk  
Barbara Parker, City Attorney

**From:** Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

**Re:** Proposed Amendments to Medical Cannabis Regulations

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Dear Members of the City Council:

The War on Drugs impoverished and imprisoned communities of color in Oakland for the last generation and I believe that we must redress this wrong to become a truly equitable city. To that end, I move that we make the following amendments to 5.80.045 A.1.a and 5.81.060 A.1.a:

1. **Expand the police beats where residents are eligible for the equity permit applications to include beats 5X and 8X.** These police beats in West Oakland are high-poverty, predominately people of color and have been negatively impacted by the war on drugs as evidenced by the fact that the cannabis related arrest numbers were only slightly below the arbitrarily chosen limit of 150 arrests used by the administration for inclusion.
2. **Adjust the residency requirement to be eligible for equity permit applications to require a resident to have lived in a beat for 10 years out of the last 20 year** to include only those residents of the community who lived through the War on Drugs in those communities.

Signed,



Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

