

  
City Attorney's Office

# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KALB**

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**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF CALIFORNIA STATE ASSEMBLY  
BILL 328 THAT WOULD REDIRECT A PORTION OF COST SAVINGS  
AT THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND  
REHABILITATION TO EVIDENCED-BASED REENTRY HOUSING**

**WHEREAS**, formerly incarcerated people face risks of homelessness and are a major factor contributing to California's homelessness crisis; and

**WHEREAS**, reducing the population of California prisons began in 2011 with Governor Brown's realignment which transferred a number of incarcerated people from state prisons to local jails; and

**WHEREAS**, Proposition 47, in 2014, and Proposition 57, in 2015, continued to reduce the prison population by allowing incarcerated people to qualify for shorter sentences; and

**WHEREAS**, the California Legislature recently limited sentencing enhancements through a number of bills including SB 1393 in 2018 and SB 136 in 2019; and

**WHEREAS**, Governor Newsom ordered the release of more than 3,500 non-violent offenders to mitigate the spread of COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, the Legislative Analyst's Office estimates that the projected prison population changes will close prisons and reduce costs at the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) by a total of \$1.5 billion by 2024-2025; and

**WHEREAS**, formally incarcerated people are 27 times more likely have unstable housing than the general public and 10 times more likely to become homeless and 50 percent of people who are homeless report a history of incarceration; and

**WHEREAS**, California State Assembly Bill 328 would redirect a portion of the savings from the CDCR budget to the Reentry Housing and Workforce Development Program to provide permanent supportive housing and workforce training to formerly incarcerated people who are homeless or at risk of homelessness; and

**WHEREAS**, the Program will allocate funding to counties, community-based organizations and homeless continuums of care on a competitive basis; and

**WHEREAS**, as 30,000 people are expected to leave prison annually over the next five years, the Program will shield thousands from homelessness; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby endorses AB 328 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Gavin Newsom to support its enactment into law.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California