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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER REBECCA KAPLAN

RESOLUTION ACCEPTING AND APPROPRIATING GRANT FUNDS IN AN AMOUNT UP TO \$1,000,000 TO BE AWARDED TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND FROM THE 2023-2024 CALIFORNIA STATE BUDGET AND AUTHORIZING THE CITY ADMINISTRATOR TO EXECUTE GRANT AGREEMENTS WITH UNCOMMON LAW IN AN AMOUNT NOT TO EXCEED \$1,000,000.

WHEREAS, according to a 2018 Bureau of Justice Statistics report, five out of six state prisoners were rearrested one or more times in the nine years following their release; and

WHEREAS, the mass incarceration of people has profoundly affected the social and economic structure of families and communities in cities such as Oakland; and

WHEREAS, a growing number of studies show that addressing mental health needs and providing support systems for formerly incarcerated people reduces recidivism; and

WHEREAS, California State Senator Nancy Skinner, in representing Oakland and as Chair of the State Budget Subcommittee on Corrections, Public Safety and the Judiciary, has been a tireless advocate for our residents impacted by incarceration and was able to secure needed funding for the healthy reentry of formerly incarcerated people; and

WHEREAS, California Assembly Bill No. 101 (Budget Act of 2023) awards one million dollars (\$1,000,000) to the City of Oakland to prepare incarcerated people serving sentences of life with the possibility of parole for parole hearings with therapeutic counseling; and

WHEREAS, UnCommon Law is an Oakland nonprofit that prepares incarcerated individuals for parole hearings and provides trauma-informed, healing-centered mental health and legal counseling with the ultimate goal of helping provide a safe pathway home for individuals currently serving lengthy prison terms in California; and

WHEREAS, UnCommon Law's work assisting incarcerated individuals navigate the parole process as well as the importance of providing rehabilitative programming to individuals before and after release from prison was discussed extensively during the 2023-2024 State Budget deliberations; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby accepts funds awarded by the State in an amount up to \$1,000,000 and appropriates said funds as follows: \$1,000,000 to UnCommon Law; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or their designee, is authorized to enter into grant agreements with UnCommon Law in an amount not to exceed \$1,000,000; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Administrator, or their designee, is hereby authorized to approve any amendments to the grant agreements, and take any other action with respect to the grant agreements consistent with this Resolution and its basic purpose; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That prior to execution, the grant agreements and any amendment thereto shall be reviewed and approved as to form and legality by the City Attorney, and executed copies of the agreements shall be filed with the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California