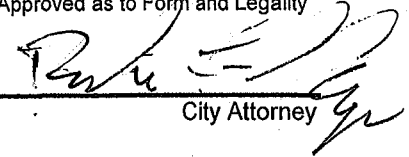


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. 87111 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Kaplan & Councilmember Kalb

**RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 1793 (BONTA) WHICH
WOULD ALLOW AUTOMATIC EXPUNGEMENT OR REDUCTION OF
CERTAIN PRIOR CANNABIS CONVICTIONS**

WHEREAS, Proposition 64, the California Marijuana Legalization Initiative, was passed by a majority vote of the people in the State of California on November 8, 2016; and

WHEREAS, in the State of California, adult-use of cannabis was implemented on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, many past cannabis-related offenses are no longer illegal under California law, and other past offenses may now be considered as lower-level violations; and

WHEREAS, there has been a significant history of racial disparity in cannabis enforcement, resulting in disproportionate numbers of African American and Latinx residents being disenfranchised with adverse generational consequences; and

WHEREAS, these past offenses continue to be part of these individuals' criminal records, and therefore there are continuous struggles and barriers based on conduct which is no longer illegal; and

WHEREAS, people may continue to face difficulty obtaining jobs, housing, education, and more throughout their lives, based on old criminal records; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 64 allows for reduction or dismissal of a conviction if a petition is filed by the convicted individual, placing the burden of correcting the record on the individual harmed by the outdated laws; and

WHEREAS, the intent of AB 1793 is to enact automatic reduction or expungement of an eligible prior cannabis conviction, an important step forward in ensuring justice for all, even for those who may not have the time, money, and knowledge to do the process on their own; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Assembly Bill 1793 and urges the California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to support its enactment into law.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

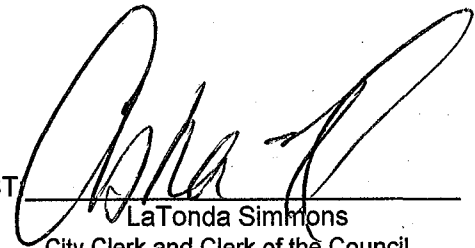
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST



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