

City Attorney's Office

## **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_C.M.S.

## INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER REBECCA KAPLAN

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF ASSEMBLY BILL 2020 (QUIRK), WHICH WOULD ALLOW LOCAL GOVERNMENTS TO DECIDE WHERE AND HOW TO AUTHORIZE CANNABIS SALES AND CONSUMPTION AT TEMPORARY EVENTS

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, the adult-use retail sale of cannabis was implemented on January 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, since then, the cannabis industry in California has already seen major growth, but there are still steps that need to be taken in order to ensure this industry will remain a strong and competitive enterprise in California, and make certain that local communities, small business owners, and others can take full advantage of this new economic opportunity; and

WHEREAS, under current law, the permitting of cannabis sales at temporary events is limited. Despite the fiscal and communal benefits such events bring to a city or local community, current law prohibits local governments from approving applications for cannabis sales at temporary events if they are held anywhere but a county fair or a district agricultural association event; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Quirk's office has heard from several cities that wish to allow for the use and sale of cannabis at temporary special events, but are restricted from approving these special permits; and

**WHEREAS**, the Bureau of Cannabis Control Chief Lori Ajax has reported that the public is clamoring for a range of cannabis event experiences; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Bill 2020 (AB 2020) provides a common sense, local control solution to this problem. Specifically, this bill allows local governments to grant a temporary license to allow for the purchase and consumption of cannabis at a temporary event held at a venue expressly permitted by a local jurisdiction; and

WHEREAS, by making this simple, minor change it will give greater opportunities to small businesses and allow cities to secure much needed revenue, while firmly maintaining local control and public safety; and

WHEREAS, Assembly Member Quirk says the bill "will be a great partnership with local governments - it retains local control and includes mechanisms to ensure public safety"; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED. That the Oakland City Council hereby endorses Assembly Bill 2020 and urges California State Legislature and Governor Jerry Brown to support its enactment into law.

COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA.

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - MRAMAS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT MIND - 10

NOES - D

ABSTENTION - Q Excused - Roracks, Red

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