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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. **87700** - C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS, COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM DAN KALB AND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

RESOLUTION SUPPORTING COMMUNITY REQUESTS FOR AN INDEPENDENT AUDIT OF THE ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE IN THE INTERESTS OF TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY

WHEREAS, on November 22, 2017, Oakland residents and community groups requested that the Alameda County Board of Supervisors authorize an independent performance and financial audit of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office in the interest of transparency and accountability; and

WHEREAS, community groups have called attention to the \$144 million increase in the Alameda County Sheriff's budget over the past 10 years while the Alameda County jail population decreased significantly; and

WHEREAS, according to The East Bay Express, in the last five years, there have been 33 in custody deaths in the jurisdiction of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office; and

WHEREAS, in June 2018, within the span of three days, two in custody deaths occurred at the Santa Rita jail, including one mentally ill prisoner who died from drinking too much water; and

WHEREAS, on June 25, 2018, a 23-year old Oakland resident and father serving weekends at Santa Rita Jail died under still unknown circumstances; and

WHEREAS, on July 28, 2018, hours after being released late at night from Santa Rita Jail, a 26-year old mother was found dead at the Dublin BART station; and

WHEREAS, according to KTVU News, since 2014, there have been 29 women who have alleged abuse and mistreatment against the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, including allegations of inhumane mistreatment, sleep deprivation and forced abortion; and

WHEREAS, community members have also condemned the Alameda County Sheriff's decision to accept grant money from the federal office of Immigrations, Customs and Enforcement (ICE); and

WHEREAS, the Alameda County Sheriff intentionally circumvents the California Values Act, Senate Bill 54 (2017) and the City of Oakland's Sanctuary City Ordinance by making the release dates of undocumented immigrants public, resulting in ICE harassment and further endangering immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, there are reports from the East Bay Express of the Alameda County Sheriff facilitating detentions for ICE, leading to severe consequences for immigrant communities; and

WHEREAS, City of Oakland residents would benefit from the increased transparency and accountability resulting from an independent audit of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office, and potential cost savings could be redirected towards education, housing, behavioral health and other critical priorities; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby supports the community's demand for the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to allocate funding in the fiscal year 2019-2020 for an independent performance and financial audit of the Alameda County Sheriff's Office Budget; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That in the interest of transparency and accountability, the City of Oakland supports a collaborative audit process in which Oakland residents, community groups and Alameda County officials will work together on an audit scope of work that is in the best of interest of the people; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That that copies of the Resolution be sent to members of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors as well as the Alameda County Sheriff's Office.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN — 🛠

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 27

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS

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