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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 88318 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION IN SUPPORT OF PROPOSITION 17 A BALLOT INITIATIVE TO ENFRANCHISE FORMERLY INCARCERATED CITIZENS ON PAROLE

WHEREAS, under existing law, a person who is a United States citizen, a resident of California, not imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony, and at least 18 years of age at the time of the next election, is permitted to register to vote; and

WHEREAS, the State's Legislature is required to provide for the disqualification of electors while mentally incompetent or imprisoned or on parole for the conviction of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 17 proposes a constitutional amendment that will grant individuals on parole the opportunity to vote; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 17 would delete a provision of law that requires the State's Legislature to provide for the disqualification of electors while on parole for the conviction of a felony; and

WHEREAS, Proposition 17 would also provide that an elector disqualified from voting while serving a state or federal prison term shall have their right to vote restored upon the completion of their prison term; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland should support Proposition 17 because states that allow people on parole to vote have lower rates of recidivism, and people on parole who are given the right to vote have an increased stake in their communities due to their renewed ability to address the issues that impact their daily lives; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of Oakland supports Proposition 17 on the November 2020 ballot.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

OCT 06 2020

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES - BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
      PRESIDENT KAPLAN — 8
NOES – 0
ABSENT – 0
ABSTENTION – 0

ATTEST: *[signature]* ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California

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