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Memorandum

DATE: November 30th, 2020

TO: City Councilmembers and City Administrator

FROM: Councilmember Noel Gallo, Council District 5

SUBJECT: Resolution Urging the State Legislature to Immediately Decriminalize The Use of Entheogenic Plants and Fungi

RECOMMENDATION

RESOLUTION URGING THE STATE LEGISLATURE TO IMMEDIATELY ENACT STATE LAWS THAT 1) DECRIMINALIZE OR LEGALIZE THE POSSESSION AND USE OF ENTHEOGENIC PLANTS AND FUNGI, 2) ALLOW LOCAL JURISDICTIONS TO AUTHORIZE ITS CITIZENS TO ENGAGE IN COMMUNITY-BASED HEALING CEREMONIES INVOLVING THE USE OF ENTHEOGENIC PLANTS AND FUNGI WITHOUT RISK OF ARREST AND STATE PROSECUTION, WHEN PRACTICED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SAFE PRACTICE GUIDELINES AND PRINCIPLES, AND 3) THAT PROVIDE LEGAL PROTECTIONS AGAINST CRIMINAL PROSECUTION FOR LOCAL JURISDICTIONS THEIR ELECTED AND APPOINTED OFFICIALS, PRACTITIONERS AND USERS OPERATING IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY HEALING INITIATIVE (OCHI)

SUMMARY

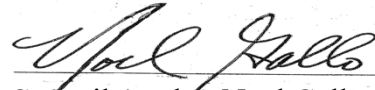
There have been scientific and clinical studies that show Entheogenic Plants have been shown to benefit the health and well-being of individuals and communities with substance abuse, addiction, recidivism, trauma, post-traumatic stress symptoms, chronic depression, severe anxiety, end-of-life anxiety, grief, diabetes, cluster headaches, and other conditions are plaguing our community.

Councilmember Gallo wishes to declare its desire to support State legislation that would decriminalize the possession and use of entheogenic plants and fungi and adopt standards for licensing and safe administration and use for medical purposes

Definitions: “Entheogenic Plant” or “Plants” as used herein means plants and natural sources (as defined herein), such as mushrooms, cacti, iboga containing plants and/or extracted combinations of plants similar to Ayahuasca; and limited to those containing the following types of compounds: indoleamines, tryptamines, phenethylamines.

For questions regarding this report, please contact Office of Councilmember Noel Gallo at (510) 238-7005

Respectfully submitted,

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Councilmember Noel Gallo, District 5

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