

RESOLUTION NO. _____

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON
SUPPORTING THE BREATHE ACT PRESENTED BY THE ELECTORAL
JUSTICE PROJECT OF THE MOVEMENT FOR BLACK LIVES**

WHEREAS, the United States has spent decades criminalizing, incarcerating, and killing Black people while underinvesting in the health, education, environmental preservation, housing, and other services that communities of color need to feel safe and thrive; and

WHEREAS, these misplaced priorities have denied opportunities to millions of people and taken far too many lives, including through police and other state-sanctioned violence; and

WHEREAS, the U.S. criminal-legal system reinforces white supremacy and has continuously harmed Black communities while escaping genuine accountability for these actions; and

WHEREAS, the current moment requires a solution that fundamentally shifts how we envision community care, address harm, and invest in our society; and

WHEREAS, history is clear that we cannot achieve genuine safety and liberation until we abandon police, prisons, and all punishment related paradigms; and

WHEREAS, for decades, the federal government has funded mass criminalization through grant programs that incentivize arrests, construction of prisons, hiring of police officers, and the militarization of police; and

WHEREAS, this federal funding has fueled the War on Drugs and reinforced white supremacy while underfunding the social services and basic infrastructure that actually keep people safe; and

WHEREAS, Black people and allies nationwide are demanding a new approach to community safety that divests from policing and invests in healthy, sustainable communities; and

WHEREAS, the Movement for Black Lives has articulated a vision to achieve this goal, including policies that would ensure safety, equality, and justice for all people who have been denied these human rights for far too long; and

WHEREAS, Electoral Justice Project of Movement for Black Lives has presented a federal BREATHE Act that would begin to realize this vision, allowing all people – including Black, Brown, disabled, undocumented, LGBT, and Indigenous communities-to be represented, free and thriving.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON DOES
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. That the City of Compton honors those whose lives were stolen by police and state-sanctioned violence, including Ryan Twyman, Dijon Kizzee, Andres Guardado, Stephon Clark, Sandra Bland, Trayvon Martin, Renisha McBride, Aiyana Jones, Breonna Taylor, Tony McDade, Natasha McKenna, George Floyd, Aiyana Stanley-Jones, Elijah McClain, Pearlie Golden, Kayla Moore, Freddie Gray, Atatiana Jefferson, Oscar Grant and far too many more.

Section 2. That the City of Compton supports the principles and vision of the federal BREATHE Act, including its divestment from the criminal-legal institutions that inflicting disproportionate harm on Black communities and its investment in the education justice, health and family justice, environmental justice, housing justice, and economic justice that are needed to achieve true safety.

Section 3. That the City of Compton encourages Congressional Representatives Barragán, Representative Waters, and Representative Bass to support the federal BREATHE Act.

Section 4. That the City of Compton urges the Governor and State Legislature to pass State legislation that upholds the policy commitments and investments in the federal BREATHE Act.

Section 5. That the City of Compton continues to support the Compton Pledge initiative which will deliver direct, recurring cash to residents for two years, in support of Section 3 (Subsection 5) of the BREATHE Act's economic justice agenda. In addition to calling for a guaranteed and basic income for all residents, including undocumented and formerly incarcerated members of our community who are excluded from welfare and economic systems.

Section 6. That a copy of this Resolution shall be filed in the offices of the Mayor and City Council, City Manager and City Clerk.

Section 7. That the Mayor shall sign and the City Clerk shall attest to the adoption of this Resolution.

ADOPTED this _____ day of _____, 2021.

MAYOR OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF COMPTON)

I, Alita Godwin, City Clerk of the City of Compton, hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Compton, signed by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk at a regular meeting thereof held on this _____ day of _____, 2021.

That said Resolution was adopted by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS-
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS-
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS-
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS-

CITY CLERK OF THE CITY OF COMPTON