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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 86377 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE LARRY REID

RESOLUTION TO NAME THE GROVE IN DEFREMERY PARK AS 'BOBBY HUTTON GROVE' IN COMMEMORATION OF THE 50TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE FOUNDING OF THE BLACK PANTHER PARTY

WHEREAS, the policy to name a public facility is set forth in Resolution 65024 C.M.S., and requires that all requests for naming or renaming parks and recreation facilities be referred to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) and the Rules & Legislation Committee before the name is recommended to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Council President McElhaney has received numerous requests from local community members for several years to dedicate part of DeFremery Park in honor of Bobby Hutton and the Black Panther Party; and

WHEREAS, on April 13, 2016, PRAC unanimously recommended the renaming of the grove in DeFremery Park in honor of Bobby Hutton; and

WHEREAS, in December 1966, Bobby Hutton joined the newly formed Black Panther Party for Self Defense (BPP), a revolutionary Black nationalist and socialist organization founded in Oakland by Huey P. Newton and Bobby Seale and at 16, he was the youngest member, the first recruit and the Party's treasurer; and

WHEREAS, on April 6, 1968, Bobby Hutton and several other members of the Black Panther Party organized a community event at DeFremery Park in support of jailed Party leader Huey Newton and to calm the community which was still in shock after the assassination of the Rev. Martin Luther King Jr.; and

WHEREAS, at that time, Oakland Police Officers confronted Bobby Hutton and several other members of the Black Panther Party who were driving to DeFremery Park, and Bobby Hutton was killed during the resulting shootout; and

WHEREAS, the community continues to commemorate Bobby Hutton, known as the 'first to fall', with annual celebrations in DeFremery Park and commonly refer to DeFremery Park as Bobby Hutton Park; and

WHEREAS, residents of Oakland have repeatedly requested that the City Council honor the Black Panther Party's contribution to the City of Oakland and specifically to honor the special historical significance of the Black Panther Party at DeFremery park; and

WHEREAS, the naming of a portion of DeFremery Park, specifically the grove of trees located on the southern portion of the Park approximately at Magnolia Street, honors the community's request for a dedication for Bobby Hutton and the Black Panther Party while still preserving the legacy of the DeFremery family's contributions to the City of Oakland; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the grove of trees located in the southeastern portion of DeFremery Park between Magnolia Street, the center of Adeline Street and the corner of Adeline Street and 16th Street is hereby renamed and will from henceforth be known as the "Bobby Hutton Grove" in commemoration of the 50th Anniversary of the founding of the Black Panther Party.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND

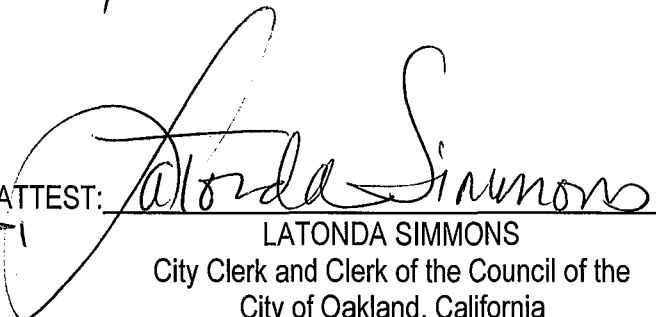
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NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Gibson McElroy - 1

ATTEST: 
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California