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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

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Introduced by President Pro Tem Larry Reid

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RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND'S POLICE ACTIVITY LEAGUE (PAL) FOR THEIR ACHIEVEMENTS (TEAM AND INDIVIDUAL HONORS) DURING THE 2016 SUMMER OLYMPIC GAMES IN SACRAMENTO CALIFORNIA IN JULY OF 2016

WHEREAS, Oakland Police Activities League (P.A.L) was started in 1981, by The Oakland Police Officers Association, the Oakland Police Department and community leaders, and;

WHEREAS, Oakland PAL's mission is to offer educational and recreational programs that provide a common platform for positive interaction between Oakland's youth and Police Officers, thereby fostering a mutual bond of respect, understanding, and trust, and has served well over 2000 kids, and;

WHEREAS, Oakland PAL's goal is to continue to fill playgrounds, not prisons, therefore, providing various activities including, leadership, track and field, G.R.E.A.T, basketball, afterschool tutoring, camping, explorers, and more, and;

WHEREAS, The Oakland PAL Track and Field Team celebrated a big year, this year (2016) at the USATF Junior Olympics at Sacramento State on July 30, 2016, with 14-year-old Malcolm Clemons becoming a national champion in the Long Jump with a leap of 20 feet 7 inches, and continuing with the 11-12 year old girls 4x100 meter relay team becoming 1st in the nation running a national record time of 49.08 seconds, breaking a record that was set 20 years ago, with a team consisting of Jazlynn Gibbs, Chardai Victorian, Ryen Scott, and Attallah Allen and solidifying their title of being the top relay team in the nation by winning a gold medal one week later in Houston, Texas at the AAU Junior Olympics, and;

WHEREAS, The Oakland PAL track team continues to bond cops and kids, with the help of Officer Kelvin Gibbs, retired San Francisco Deputy Sherriff Maurice Valentine, and retired Oakland Officer Margaret Dixon who all volunteer their time as coaches on the track and field tams, and;

WHEREAS, Ms. Donna Hom, due to her strong commitment and organizational leadership for the City, was promoted within the City Administrator's Office to one of the Interim Assistant City Administrators during an important time of transition for the City and focused on general government operations, and;

WHEREAS, Oakland PAL has seen tremendous success come from former Oakland PAL athletes, where several athletes have received athletic and academic scholarships to universities such as Cal Berkeley, UC Riverside, USC, Brown, Harvard, Sacramento State and many others, and acknowledges former PAL students such as Daveed Diggs for his star role in the Tony award-winning play *Hamilton*, and Ryan Coogler for writing and directing the movies *Fruitvale* and *Creed*, so be it:

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland, honors, congratulates, and recognizes the Oakland Police Activity League and its' many amazing athletes and students, as well as the men and women who devote so much time and energy to these wonderful kids, and so be it:

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland congratulates the Oakland Police Activity's (PAL's) accomplishments in the 2016 Summer Olympic Games held in Sacramento, California

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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