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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER REBECCAN KAPLAN

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING TRIKONE, THE FIRST ORGANIZATION FOR LESBIAN, GAY, BISEXUAL, TRANSGENDER, AND QUEER (LGBTQ) PEOPLE OF SOUTH ASIAN DESCENT IN THE WORLD.

WHEREAS, Trikone, founded in 1986, is an organization for LGBTQ people who trace their ethnicities to one of the following places: Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, India, Maldives, Myanmar (Burma), Nepal, Pakistan, Sri Lanka, and Tibet. and the Diaspora.

WHEREAS Trikone nurtures and empowers the South Asian LGBTQ community through tilms, pride celebrations, their website, help line, and a host of other collaborative programming.

WHEREAS Trikone publishes an award wiming magazine that is the first international magazine with an audience on every continent giving voice to LGBTQ South Asians.

WHEREAS the work and efforts of Trikone volunteers and members have inspired the development of South Asian LGBTQ organizations throughout the United States and across the globe.

WHEREAS, Trikone, through its tireless members and volunteers, hosts DesiQ, a conference which brings hundreds of South Asian queer activists, allies, artists, professionals, youth, seasoned mid-lifers, and elders from throughout the USA and the world to the Bay Area to build and celebrate South Asian LGBTQ identity.

WHEREAS Trikone and DesiQ provide a supportive, empowering and non-judgmental environment where LGBTQ South Asians & their allies can meet, make connections, and proudly promote awareness and acceptance of their ethnic, sexual, and gender identities.

WHEREAS Trikone and DesiQ allow important issues such as the effects of a diaspora, violence, poverty, civil rights, homophobia, religion, racism, sexism, and immigration to be addressed.

WHEREAS DesiQ builds the community's capacity for visionaries from around the world to proactively combat stereotypes and to successfully engage their local communities as advocates for societal change.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Oakland recognizes Trikone for its leadership in engaging the South Asian Queer community as cultural activists for proactively combating stereotypes and for successfully engaging their families, friends and communities to advocate for LGBTQ dignity, rights, dignity and equality.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MACELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, SCHAAF, REID,
and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California