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Dear Council Colleagues and Members of the Public,

November 24, 2015

I am pleased to honor the athletes and coaches of Team Oakland, a track and field team that will be representing our great city at the International Children's Games (ICG) in Lake Macquarie, Australia from December 6-11. The International Children's Games are the largest multi-sport youth games in the world and a member of the International Olympic Committee. Approximately 1,500 athletes between 12 and 15 years of age, and their coaches, participate in this prestigious event each year.

The ICG dates back to the Cold War in 1968, when a physical education teacher living in Slovenia (then part of Yugoslavia) had a vision to encourage peace and goodwill amongst children of different cultural backgrounds. From the inaugural games, in which nine towns participated, the ICG has grown into an impressive event, with more than 400 participating cities from five continents. The values of peace and understanding are still core to the games today.

Over the past 10 years, 100 Black Men of the Bay Area has sent Oakland youth athletic teams throughout the United States, to participate in the International Children's Games in Greece, France, Scotland, England, and Canada. 100 Black Men are committed to nurturing the health and fitness of young people. They also have a long history of providing mentoring and ensuring that youth are given opportunities to expand their world views and develop leadership skills.

Let us congratulate Team Oakland as they join athletes, coaches, city representatives, and visitors from around the world at the International Children's Games, an event that inspires young people to build cross-cultural relationships as they compete on an international stage.

Team Oakland

Coach	Dr. Tommie Smith
Head of Delegation/Girls Coach	Nola Turnage
Reigning Female 100m Champion	Jaden Nixon
Athlete	A'Nia Diggs
Athlete	Briona Rivera
Athlete	Najee MacDonald
Athlete	Briona Rivera
Boys Coach	Michael Nixon
Athlete	Miles Duncan
Athlete	Jeremy Washington
Athlete	Jordon Dabney
Athlete	Amahd Mabry
Athlete	Jalon Stanley

Sincerely,