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Oakland City Attorney's Office
Susan Mark

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 81263 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION NAMING A NEW PARK AT 65TH AVENUE AND INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD THE TOMÁS MELERO-SMITH PARK FOR PEACE AND UNITY

WHEREAS, Tomás Melero-Smith was fatally shot on September 1, 2007 in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Melero-Smith had been employed by the City as a youth recreation leader at the Carmen Flores Community Center and worked hard to improve the Fruitvale community where he grew up; and

WHEREAS, Tomás Melero-Smith's family wrote a petition to the Mayor, City Councilmembers, and others asking the City to invest in its youth and to memorialize the contributions to the community made by Tomás Melero-Smith; and

WHEREAS, City staff together with the nonprofit group Kaboom! organized volunteers and worked to build a new park at 65th Avenue and International Boulevard; and

WHEREAS, Naming this new park in honor of Tomás Melero-Smith is a small act that will take one devastating act of violence and convert it into a peaceful outcome in the form of a City park; and

WHEREAS, The naming of the park is in keeping with the criteria listed in Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. on Designating Official Names for Municipal Facilities, item (c): unique or civic circumstances; and

WHEREAS, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission approved the park name at its regular meeting on March 12, 2008; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the park at 65th Avenue and International Boulevard be named the Tomás Melero-Smith Park for Peace and Unity; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Office of the City Attorney has approved this resolution as to form and legality and a copy will be on file in the Office of the City Clerk.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAY 6 2008

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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