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April 20, 2004

MEMORANDUM

To: City Council and City Administrator From: Councilmember Nancy Nadel

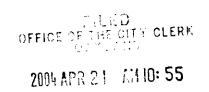
Re: Renaming Alice Arts Center to Malonga Casquelourd Centre for the Arts

I was approached by the children of Mr. Casquelourd to request the above name change. Attached is a copy of the proposal and petitions of support as well as a biography of the artist.

On April 19, 2004 a community meeting was held at the Alice Arts Center on this topic. The meeting announcement was posted on the outside of the Alice Arts Center and was sent to the councilmembers' list of residents in the neighborhood. Approximately 50 people attended including Michael Lange, Operations manager from the city staff for the Alice, myself and my aide, Joel Tena. All outside attendees were in strong support of the name change. No one spoke against the proposal.

Fiscal Impact: to be completed by city staff. I will contribute to the name plaque from my pay-go account. Community members have pledged to contribute half. There has been a request to set up an account to which community members can contribute for this expense.

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Renaming the Alice Arts Centre: Proposal Prepared By Muisi-kongo & Kiazi Malonga April 2004

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Overview:

Malonga's Casquelourd dedicated his life to the preservation and growth of African culture. The purpose in renaming the Alice Arts Centre is to provide a sense of ownership to the community, as well as a constant reminder of Malonga's impact on family, friends, and the thousands of lives touched by his contributions and leadership. This process will rejuvenate the community and create a sense of responsibility to honor and maintain Malonga's many accomplishments.

Biography:

Auguste Leonard Malonga "Casquelourd," world-renowned master dancer, drummer, choreographer, singer and professor, was born in Douala, Cameroon on November 5, 1947. He was the fifth child born to Fidel Malonga, a high ranking French army official, and Ngangula Kiakelo. Together they instilled in him a strong sense of commitment to both immediate and extended family, which became one of his most distinguishing characteristics.

A child protégé, Malonga spent several years of apprenticeship at Community Fetes, indigenous centers of learning devoted to socializing younger generations into Congolese cultural traditions. The apprenticeship enhanced his artistic potential, helping him develop skills that were later leveraged to obtain a position as principal dancer of the National Congolese Dance Company. While touring with the company at home and in Africa, Europe, Asia and North America, Malonga attracted a spirited local and international following that catapulted him into still another starring role as resident choreographer and principal performer with Le Ballet Diaboua, a Congolese repertory company based in Paris, France.

Not only an artist, Malonga made a significant impact through his commitment to political and social engagement, which was established early on. This unwavering commitment was expressed wherever he found himself - whether participating in reconstruction efforts in post-independence Congo Brazzaville, advancing the agenda of ethnic art in Europe, or supporting the Afrocentric independent school movement in the Bay Area as a parent. However, his most powerful and long-lasting contribution to political and social change was evidenced in the cultural arts arena. During the last three decades in which he resided in the United States, Malonga created a unique artistic repertoire that shaped the political landscape of ethnic performing arts. He wielded his multiple talents and considerable influence as powerful weapons in ongoing advocacy of equality and social justice.

Malonga was a devoted father who spent an enormous amount of time nurturing a sense of self worth and cultural identity in his four children, Muisi-kongo, Kiazi, Lungusu, and Boueta. He was willing to do anything to help them maximize their potential and continue their rich family legacy of personal accountability, cultural integrity and community involvement. Just as he never gave up on the pursuit of his goals, Malonga didn't allow his children to give up either. He was a truly generous man who readily shared every resource, embraced everyone, and had a special gift for making each person he encountered feel like family. He took special interest in the children of communities in which he lived, and, in fact, was a father figure to many.

A pioneer, cultural ambassador and visionary leader, Malonga's impact was multi- generational and crossed international borders. In his unique selfless style, he welcomed artists from every continent, challenging all to engage in dialogue and build bridges for cultural exchange. He encouraged the elimination of barriers between continental Africans and African Americans. Moreover, he also paved the way for members of other cultures to participate in and be enriched by African traditions and art forms.

Malonga leaves an impressive legacy of institution-building as the founder of: Fua Dia Congo, a nonprofit performing arts company formed in East Palo Alto (1977) and currently based in Oakland; Congolese Dance & Drum Camp, the first and longest running African dance, drum and percussion workshop (1979), and Ballet Kizingu, the youth division of Fua Dia Congo (1994). He co-founded: Tanawa, the first professional Congolese Dance Company in New York City (1972), and Diata Diata, an all women's Congolese drum ensemble (1990). He was also instrumental in establishing Everybody's Creative Arts Center, known today as Citicentre Dance Theatre in downtown Oakland, and the San Francisco Ethnic Dance Festival. Malonga's legacy further includes helping to institute Congolese dance and drum courses as part of the curriculum of several major universities. He served on the faculty at institutions including, but not limited to, New York University, Hunter's College (NY), San Diego State University, Stanford University, and most notably, San Francisco State University, where he taught for 26 years. In addition, to his work in educational institutions, Malonga, a great believer art's ability to change lives, taught for several years in correctional institutions throughout California, his longest tenure lasting more than 7 years at San Quentin.

On June 15, 2003, Malonga made his transition. Throughout his life, he touched many with his passion, artistic gifts, and visionary leadership. His last projects included Kusum Africa (March 2003), a dance-theater performance showcasing the collaborative works of 4 African director/choreographers, Malaki Matanga 2003: Congo of Yesterday & Today, and finally Wa Dia Fua Yiko Dio, a project exploring themes of cultural inheritance and exchange between urban/hip hop culture and traditional Congolese culture to be completed in the Summer of 2005. Malonga will be greatly missed, but his legacy will live on through his children and through all those working to keep culture alive.

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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER	NADEL	 	-

RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE ALICE ARTS CENTER TO THE "MALONGA CASQUELOURD CENTRE FOR THE ARTS"

WHEREAS, the City Council Rules and Procedures for naming facilities states that any individual or entity may initiative a proposal to name a public facility in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the family of Malonga Casquelourd has proposed that the city rename the Alice Arts Center the Malonga Casquelourd Centre for the Arts; and

WHEREAS, Malonga Casquelourd was a world-renowned master dancer, drummer, choreographer, singer and professor, who both taught and performed at the Alice Arts Center for many years; and

WHEREAS, Malonga served the community as a pioneer, cultural ambassador and visionary leader, and in his unique selfless style, he welcomed artists from every continent, challenging all to engage in dialogue and build bridges for cultural exchange, including encouraging the elimination of barriers between continental Africans and African Americans, and

WHEREAS, Malonga leaves an impressive legacy of institution-building as the founder of: Fua Dia Congo, a nonprofit performing arts company formed in East Palo Alto (1977) and currently based in Oakland; Congolese Dance & Drum Camp, the first and longest running African dance, drum and percussion workshop (1979), and Ballet Kizingu, the youth division of Fua Dia Congo (1994). He co-founded: Tanawa, the first professional Congolese Dance Company in New York City (1972), and Diata Diata, an all women's Congolese drum ensemble (1990); and

WHEREAS, Malonga Casquelourd was tragically killed June 15, 2003 in a traffic accident in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the family of Malonga Casquelourd has presented petitions with over 250 names requesting that the Alice Arts Center be renamed to memorialize the contribution of Malonga Casquelourd to the community, the arts and international arts and culture; and

WHEREAS, a community meeting was held on April 19th which was attended by over 50 people all of whom overwhelmingly supported the name change proposal; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council has committed to maintaining the use of the Alice Arts Center to further the arts in Oakland which is in harmony with the name change recognizing a renowned local artist in the new name; now therefore be it

RULES & LEGISLATION CMTE MAY 1 3 2004 **RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council hereby approves the renaming of the Alice Arts Center to the Malonga Casquelourd Centre for the Arts.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,		2004
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ABSTENTION-	ATTEST:	CEDA FLOYD

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