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# OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 79862 C.M.S.

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE NOMINATION OF THE LADIES' RELIEF SOCIETY CHILDREN'S HOME (STUDIO ONE) FOR LISTING IN THE NATIONAL REGISTER OF HISTORIC PLACES AND THE CALIFORNIA REGISTER OF HISTORICAL RESOURCES**

**WHEREAS**, the Ladies' Relief Society of Children's Home (aka North Oakland Recreation Center; Studio One; Studio One Art Center) at 365 45<sup>th</sup> Street in Oakland has been nominated by the Friends of Studio One to the National Register of Historic Places, as outlined on the attached National Register of Historic Places Registration Form; and

**WHEREAS**, the Ladies' Relief Society of Oakland bought this property as part of a 10-acre site in 1873, and built a u-shaped Children's Home on this site in 1894, which was devastated by fire in 1906 and rebuilt in 1906-07 using the same footprint, foundation, and first-story brick walls, and continued to operate as a Children's Home till about 1940; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is significant because it is closely associated with the Ladies' Relief Society of Oakland, which had been formed in the early 1870's and for many decades operated important charitable facilities, and whose long presence has left a major footprint in the neighborhood fabric and has directly or indirectly played a key role in establishing community infrastructure; and

**WHEREAS**, after World War II the property became a Recreation Department arts center that for more than half a century, as Studio One, has opened the door to the arts for thousands of Oaklanders; and

**WHEREAS**, the property is significant in terms of architecture because its main building appears to be Oakland's oldest surviving sizable building from the historically important theme of large children's homes of the congregate type; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Cultural Heritage Survey has rated the building 'A' which indicates having "highest" importance, and has concluded that it appears to be individually eligible for the National Register as well as local Landmark designation; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland Landmarks Preservation Board in reviewing the National Register nomination of the Ladies' Relief Society of Children's Home at their April 11, 2005 meeting, commented that the depth of research by Mr. English is astonishing and the nomination has merit, and unanimously recommended approval of the nomination to the State Historic Preservation Office; and

**WHEREAS,** the Landmarks Preservation Advisory Board reviewed an Evaluation Sheet for Landmark Eligibility and unanimously adopted the determination that the building and site, with a rating of 'A', are Eligible for City Landmark Designation; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland, hereby declares its support for the nomination of the Ladies' Relief Society Children's Home for listing in the National Register of Historic Places and the California Register of Historical Resources; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is directed to forward a copy of this resolution along with a cover letter to Milford Wayne Donaldson, FAIA, the State Historic Preservation Officer, advising him of the City's position.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, May 2006.

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, ~~REID~~, CHANG  
AND ~~REID/DE LA FUENTE~~ - 6

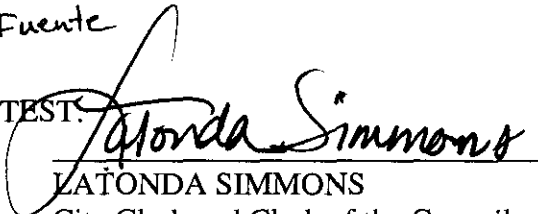
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - 2 Reid/De La Fuente

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS

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