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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS, VICE MAYOR
REBECCA KAPLAN, PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO

**RESOLUTION RENAMING MADISON PARK TO WILMA CHAN PARK,
IN HONOR OF HER LEGACY OF DEDICATION AND SERVICE TO
CHINATOWN, ASIAN AMERICAN PACIFIC ISLANDER, AND
OAKLAND COMMUNITIES**

WHEREAS, Madison Park is a City of Oakland park in Oakland Chinatown, bounded by Jackson, Madison, 8th, and 9th Streets, and adjacent to Lake Merritt BART Station; and

WHEREAS, Madison Park is presently and historically a critical activity hub for the Chinatown, AAPI, and broader Oakland community through robust programming and activation such as Tai-Chi exercise groups organized among elder residents, nearby schools using the site for physical education classes and play; and a highly utilized COVID-19 testing and vaccination site; and

WHEREAS, the Honorable Wilma Chan served Oakland and Alameda County for over 30 years with a distinguished career in public service, including on the Oakland Unified School District Board of Education, Alameda County Board of Supervisors, California State Assembly, and the first chair of the Alameda County Children and Families Commission; and

WHEREAS, Chan tragically passed away in a pedestrian traffic collision in the City of Alameda on November 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Chan left a powerful legacy of prioritizing and serving underserved and uninsured communities, championing children, families, seniors, immigrants, AAPI community members, and health care and health equity; and

WHEREAS, after her passing, several Oakland Chinatown community organizations providing critical wellness and cultural services approached District 2 Councilmember Bas' office expressing with conviction the Oakland Chinatown community's desire to honor Chan's legacy of championing health access, children, families, seniors, and immigrant communities with the renaming of Madison Park to Wilma Chan Park; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 56600 C.M.S. sets forth the procedure for designating official names for park and recreation facilities in the City of Oakland, and Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S., sets forth the procedure for designating official names for municipal facilities, including park and recreation facilities, in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 65024 C.M.S. specifies that any request to rename a park or recreation facility be referred to the Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) and the recommendation of the PRAC then be referred to the Rules and Legislation Committee, and that the Rules and Legislation Committee recommendation then be referred to the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas submitted an agenda item to the PRAC to be heard at the March 9, 2022 meeting of that body; and

WHEREAS, at the March 9, 2022 meeting of the PRAC, the Commission voted unanimously to recommend the renaming of Madison Park to Wilma Chan Park; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council intends to honor Wilma Chan’s contribution to the City of Oakland by renaming Madison Park to Wilma Chan Park; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby approves renaming Madison Park to Wilma Chan Park, in honor of her passion and dedication to serving Chinatown, AAPI, and Oakland residents.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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