

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

2017 SEP 20 PM 5:23

Introduced by Councilmember Schaaf

**RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING STEPHANIE YUN,
LIFELONG OAKLAND RESIDENT AS THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S
FIRST OFFICIAL YOUTH POET LAUREATE**

Whereas, Stephanie Yun, 18, is a lifelong Oakland resident, recent graduate of Skyline High School, and freshman at UC Berkeley; and

Whereas, Stephanie is a fixture in the Bay Area poetry community, a well-known slam poet on local and national stages, a mentor to fellow youth, and a published writer; and

Whereas California poet laureate Juan Felipe Herrera, a judge in this inaugural competition, calls Stephanie, "A breakthrough poet;" and

Whereas, the Oakland Youth Poet Laureate Program is a program of Oakland Public Library with Youth Speaks and more than a dozen community partners; and

Whereas, as Youth Poet Laureate, Stephanie will have her work published in a forthcoming anthology, make public appearances, and will receive a \$5,000 college scholarship for college, and will also mentor future poets through a community literacy project; and

Whereas, as a resident of Montclair in Council District Four, Stephanie shines a light on what hard work and poetry can achieve to all young people in District Four, and to all youth in the City of Oakland.

Resolved: that the City of Oakland expresses profound gratitude and appreciation for Stephanie Yun, the first ever Youth Poet Laureate of the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California