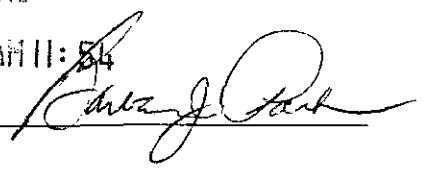


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION No. _____ DC.MCIS-4 AM 11:54

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel



Resolution Recognizing the "Friends of Mandela Parkway"

WHEREAS, when the Cypress Freeway was constructed in 1957, the West Oakland neighborhood suffered from the placement of this freeway through the middle of the community; and

WHEREAS, the community came together after the tragic events of the 1989 earthquake to work with Caltrans and the City of Oakland to redesign the area to eliminate blight and benefit the surrounding community and the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the Mandela Parkway project is the result of the 1993 Cypress Freeway Replacement Project, which was approved by the Oakland City Council in February 1998 and concluded that the superseded freeway right-of-way should be landscaped by Caltrans and conveyed to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the project was designed by Caltrans staff working closely with the Community Advisory Committee, and the plans have been developed to address the needs of the residential community and local businesses; and

WHEREAS, the project will provide a fully landscaped, tree-lined parkway and arboretum on Mandela Parkway in West Oakland Between 8th Street and 32nd Street which will beautify and enhance the parkway's overall appearance, as well as stimulate revitalization of the surrounding area; and

WHEREAS, members of the West Oakland community have been an integral part of the planning and implementation of this project since the beginning, and have taken the step to formalize the community stewardship of the parkway by creating the "Friends of Mandela Parkway" to raise funds and awareness to help maintain this important community resource; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council commends the members of "Friends of Mandela Parkway" for their leadership and community spirit in undertaking this important effort; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland will work with this newly formed organization to help maintain this new parkway as an asset for the city, and encourages other interested neighbors and businesses to join into this effort,

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20__

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST: