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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY
AND COUNCILMEMBER LARRY REID

RESOLUTION HONORING OAKLAND TALES, A BOOK WRITTEN ABOUT LIFE IN OAKLAND THROUGH THE LENS OF TWO YOUTH WHO TRAVEL BACK IN TIME THROUGH OAKLAND'S HISTORY, AND RECOGNIZING AUTHOR SUMMER BRENNER AND ILLUSTRATOR MIGUEL PEREZ.

WHEREAS, *Oakland Tales, Lost Secrets of the Town* is a young adult novel which uses themes of local places and people, current struggles and hopes, the present, past, and future through the eyes of present day youth protagonists from East and West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the purpose of the *Oakland Tales* project is to connect readers with Oakland's history, to garner interest in reading through relevant connections, and to offer an original novel that reflects the lives and cultural diversity of Oakland youth and their families; and

WHEREAS, *Oakland Tales*, includes local street names, local sites, influential people, and multicultural historical facts and events about Oakland's rich history dating back to the first inhabitants, the Ohlone people; and

WHEREAS, the book's goals are to engage, inform, and inspire readers of all ages but especially the large amount of students who have not yet discovered the enjoyment and enrichment of reading ; and

WHEREAS, Community Works and author Summer Brenner were inspired to publish *Oakland Tales* out of the success of their previous book, *Richmond Tales, Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle*, which garnered a 2010 Historic Preservation award from the City of Richmond; and

WHEREAS, author Summer Brenner is the author of dozens of works of poetry and fiction, has given scores of readings all over the world, and has received numerous accolades and literary praise; and

WHEREAS, illustrator Miguel Perez is a muralist and designer who owns Pueblo Nuevo, an Berkeley art space, and who also illustrated *Richmond Tales, Lost Secrets of the Iron Triangle*; and

WHEREAS, through foundation grants and individual donors, the nonprofit Community Works will be giving away 1,500 free books to youth through their schools or at events developed in partnership with the Oakland Public Library; and

WHEREAS, *Oakland Tales* has been adopted by the Oakland Unified School District for their 8th Grade English and Language Arts Common Core Curriculum; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council honors the publication of *Oakland Tales*, *Lost Secrets of the Town*, and recognizes the dedication of Community Works, Summer Brenner, and Miguel Perez for publishing a locally relevant book that inspires Oakland youth to read culturally relevant text, to enhance their literacy skills, and to learn about Oakland's unique history.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -
ABSENT -
ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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