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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 90895 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE

**RESOLUTION HONORING CREATIVE GROWTH ART CENTER UPON
THEIR 50TH ANNIVERSARY FOR OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONTEMPORARY ARTISTS WITH
DEVELOPMENTAL DISABILITIES**

WHEREAS, 50 years ago, against a backdrop of political activism and the rising visibility of the disability rights movement, Creative Growth Art Center was founded by Elias Katz and Florence Ludins-Katz in their home in Oakland, California, as the first U.S. organization dedicated to supporting artists with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, the founding of Creative Growth set a path for people with disabilities to express themselves and exhibit their work professionally; and

WHEREAS, the Creative Growth Studio is now home to over 140 artists who work in a variety of media. Facilitated by professional artists, the studio provides artistic support, high-quality materials, and space for painting, drawing, ceramics, woodwork, fiber arts, printmaking, and digital media; and

WHEREAS, Creative Growth exhibits and promotes Creative Growth artists by placing their work in major collections and institutions worldwide, presents public exhibitions in the Oakland gallery, and represents Creative Growth artists at national and international art fairs every year; and

WHEREAS, Artwork made at Creative Growth has been acquired by prominent collections worldwide, including the Museum of Modern Art in New York, the San Francisco Museum of Modern Art, the Smithsonian Institution, the Studio Museum of Harlem, Collection de L'Art Brut, the American Folk Art Museum, and The Museum of Everything; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland recognizes Creative Growth as a pioneering force in the art and disability movement, establishing a model for creative communities where art is an essential form of communication accessible to all; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland graciously thanks Creative Growth Art Center founders, board, staff, and artists for their vision and leadership as an exemplar for belonging and inclusion, encouraging the creative development and artistic education of all Oaklanders.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

OCT 7 2025

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

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ATTEST:



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

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