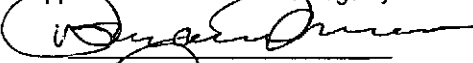


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE SUCCESS OF VOCAL RUSH, A RENOWNED A CAPPELLA GROUP FROM OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS, WHICH PLACED 3<sup>RD</sup> ON NBC'S THE SING OFF IN DECEMBER 2013 AND RECOGNIZING THEIR TALENTED MEMBERS FOR EXTRAORDINARY ARTISTIC AND ACADEMIC ACHIEVEMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Vocal Rush is a two-time national champion a cappella ensemble which was founded in March 2011 at Oakland School for the Arts and is comprised of singers ages 15-18; and

**WHEREAS**, Vocal Rush, under the artistic direction of Lisa Forkish, has received numerous accolades, including Varsity Vocals National Championship titles in 2012 and 2013, a first-place win at the Los Angeles A Cappella Festival, and most recently, making television history with a third place win on NBC's hit a cappella competition show, "The Sing Off"; and

**WHEREAS**, past members of Vocal Rush have performed for prominent public leaders including President Barack Obama as well as Oakland School for the Arts founder, California Governor Jerry Brown; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2012, the group released a four song EP titled "The Beginning" that was nominated for three CARA awards, including Best High School Album; and

**WHEREAS**, Vocal Rush singers are required to have excellent sight-reading ability, to participate in a rigorous rehearsal schedule, and to maintain a 3.0 grade point average at the Oakland School for the Arts; and

**WHEREAS**, Vocal Rush continues to be a top vocal ensemble which exposes students to a wide variety of music as well as develops the leadership, artistic merit, and personal character of its members; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council honors the national success of Vocal Rush and recognizes the extraordinary artistic and academic achievements of its members who serve as leaders and role models for youth of the Oakland community; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council congratulates Vocal Rush for their accomplishments and extends best wishes for the ensemble's continued achievements, which shine brightly on the City of Oakland.

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.

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