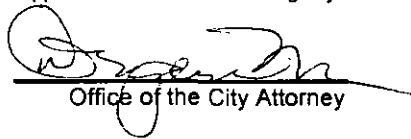


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Schaaf and Vice Mayor Reid

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### RESOLUTION HONORING KEVIN GRANT FOR HIS WORK PREVENTING VIOLENCE AND FOR BEING AWARDED THE 2012 CALIFORNIA PEACE PRIZE BY THE CALIFORNIA WELLNESS FOUNDATION

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant has spent more than two decades working to help youth and adults involved in the criminal and juvenile justice systems choose alternatives to violence and crime; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant is a renowned expert in street outreach, violence mediation and the development of re-entry programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Measure Y is Oakland's Violence Prevention and Public Safety Act of 2004 which, in addition to providing funding for Fire and Police services, also provides funding for Oakland Unite comprehensive violence prevention programs; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant serves as the Violence Prevention Network Coordinator for Oakland Unite, coordinating the efforts of outreach teams who provide neighborhood and "hot spot" specific street outreach in high-violence areas in order to reduce street violence and improve the Public Safety in the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant also works with the Oakland Police Department to ensure that prevention and enforcement efforts funded under Measure Y are coordinated and working together to create a safe Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant believes that much of the violence committed in Oakland by youth and young adults is preventable and that we can prevent this violence through building relationships and empowering young people and the communities they live in; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant developed "The Way Out", an initiative supported by Oakland Unite with additional funding from an Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency (OJJDP) grant, that "lets youth in Oakland's flatlands know that there is a way out of some of the issues and arguments that come up out of the streets; that it doesn't have to result in violence"; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant holds trainings and workshops for law enforcement agencies, community service providers and school districts at local, state and federal levels, to spread his message of preventing youth violence; and

**WHEREAS**, Kevin Grant was awarded the prestigious California Peace Prize in 2012 by The California Wellness Foundation (TCWF) for his efforts to promote peace and prevent violence in California; now therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council extends its deep appreciation to Kevin Grant for his commitment, drive, and vision for confronting youth violence by reaching out to young people in genuine ways that effectively help them to face their own challenges and turn their lives around.

**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**