

AGENDA REPORT



TO: Honorable Mayor & City Council **FROM:** Councilmember Treva Reid

District 7

SUBJECT: Honoring Oakland-Trained Olympian **DATE:** November 7, 2024

Rowers

RECOMMENDATION

Councilmember Treva Reid Recommends That The City Council:

RESOLUTION HONORING AND CELEBRATING THE OAKLAND-TRAINED ROWERS FOR WINNING GOLD IN THE MEN'S FOUR AT THE PARIS 2024 OLYMPIC GAMES, THE FIRST U.S. GOLD IN 64 YEARS

BACKGROUND

This agenda report, along with the accompanying resolution, requests that the Oakland City Council adopt a resolution honoring Oakland-trained rowers for winning gold in the Men's Four event at the Paris 2024 Olympic Games.

The United States has a long-standing history of Olympic rowing, dating back to the sport's debut at the 1900 Paris Olympics. Team USA has been proudly represented by athletes like Jack Kelly, Benjamin Spock, and Paul Costello. However, Team USA had not secured a gold medal in the Men's Four event since the 1960 Rome Olympics.

The 2024 Paris Olympics proved to be a historic moment for American rowing, with Team USA winning gold in the Men's Four event for the first time in 64 years. Olympians Nick Mead, Justin Best, Michael Grady, and Liam Corrigan, trained at the Oakland-based California Rowing Club, accomplished this remarkable feat. This significant achievement not only showcases the enduring excellence of American rowers on the world stage but also underscores Oakland's proud contribution to the 2024 Paris Olympics.

Therefore, I ask you to join me in supporting this resolution honoring and celebrating the Oakland-trained rowers for winning gold in the men's four at the Paris 2024 Olympic games, the first U.S. gold in 64 years.

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Respectfully submitted,

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