



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER CARROLL FIFE

RESOLUTION TO (1) COMMEMORATIVELY RENAME TELEGRAPH AVENUE BETWEEN 18TH STREET AND WILLIAM STREET AS 'OSA WAY' IN HONOR OF OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF PLAQUES HONORING OAKLAND SCHOOL FOR THE ARTS ON 18TH STREET AND TELEGRAPH AVENUE, 19TH STREET AND TELEGRAPH AVENUE; AND WILLIAM STREET AND TELEGRAPH AVENUE, PURSUANT TO THE POLICY AND CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY RESOLUTION NO. 77967 C.M.S.

WHEREAS, California Government Code Section 34091.1 allows a jurisdiction by resolution to name a new public street or to rename an existing public street; and

WHEREAS, the naming of a new public street or the renaming of an existing public street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in 2003 established procedures for commemorative street naming through Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. under which the City Council may, by its own motion, consider the renaming of a public street; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has previously approved commemorative street names such as with Joe Morgan Way, Herbert Guice Way, Peter Van Kleef Way, Dr. Huey P. Newton Way, Deontae Bush Way, Dorothy King Way, Tupac Shakur Way, and Turner Group Drive; and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that the contributions of Oakland School for the Arts (OSA) to the Oakland community and the Uptown area merit commemoration; and

WHEREAS, OSA has been a transformative public arts school serving thousands of students grades 6-12 for 24 years; and

Whereas, OSA graduates of its tuition free, college and career preparatory program have gone into every career path imaginable bringing the essential value of the arts and the spirit of Oakland with them on their journey; and

WHEREAS, the School has graduated renowned actors, musicians, and artists, lending to Oakland's culture vitality; and

WHEREAS, OSA's presence in Uptown Oakland brings vibrancy, positivity, safety, and joy; and

WHEREAS, in May 2023, Council adopted Ordinance 13736 C.M.S authorizing a license of the adjacent City-owned vacant lot at 1911 Telegraph for physical education classes, outdoor recreation, and gathering space for its students; and

WHEREAS, OSA's current expansion into the Dufwin building on 17th Street and Cloud Park between 19th and 20th frame an urban campus that establishes a template for the positive activation of Uptown; and

WHEREAS, raising visibility to OSA's presence through this corridor will not only demonstrate to visitors that this area is safe and cared for, but will also bring a great sense of pride to OSA students for generations to come; and

WHEREAS, OSA is excited to launch their 25th school year with this commemorative recognition by the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to acknowledge the continued impact and contributions of Oakland School for the Arts on the City of Oakland by retaining the existing street name, adding an additional honorary street name and installing commemorative plaques or signs and intends that the costs associated with such a commemorative act will be borne by Oakland School for the Art; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Council of the City of Oakland hereby approves the commemorative renaming of Telegraph Avenue between 18th Street and William Street, as ‘OSA Way’; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of ‘OSA Way’ and placement of signs or plaques to that effect at or near the intersections of 18th Street and Telegraph Avenue, 19th Street and Telegraph Avenue; and William Street and Telegraph Avenue, upon payment of costs.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California