


City Attorney

08 MAR -6 PM 12:09 **OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE BAY AREA BLUES SOCIETY'S WEST COAST BLUES HALL OF FAME AND AWARDS SHOW, AND THEIR EFFORTS TO HONOR AND PAY HOMAGE TO WEST COAST AND OAKLAND BLUES LEGENDS

WHEREAS, the Bay Area Blues Society is a non-profit organization devoted to the advancement of Blues, Jazz, and Gospel as an indigenous American art form; and

WHEREAS, for 22 years the Bay Area Blues Society has been dedicated to the preservation, promotion, and representation of the American folk music and cultural forms of Blues, Jazz, and Gospel as they took root in African-American communities; and

WHEREAS, the Society's ongoing community programs includes the "Blues in the Schools" Program, which uses local Blues musicians to teach the history of the Blues to young people and provide instruction on the playing of Blues musical instruments; and

WHEREAS, to support its community programs, the Bay Area Blues Society will host its annual West Coast Blues Hall of Fame and Awards Show to honor Blues, Jazz, and Gospel artists for their contributions to the art form called Blues and to celebrate Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, this year's inductees to the Hall of Fame include the following 20 extraordinary artists and groups who helped keep the Blues alive: Adolph Jacobs, Coke Escovedo, Connie Bailey, Ferdinand "Fats" Washington, Fillmore Slim, Freddie Hughes, Joe Simon, Joel Dorham, Lady Bianca, Lee Ashford, Little Frances, Nat Dove, Nick Harper, Oaktown Passions, Pinetop Perkins, Ray Taliaffero, The Continental Club, The Hawkins Family, and Esther Mabry and Frosene Phillips (Lifetime Achievement); now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the elected officials, staff, and residents of Oakland hereby salute the Bay Area Blues Society's efforts to honor and pay homage to West Coast and Oakland Blues legends; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That all Oaklanders and Blues fans show their support of the Bay Area Blues Society by attending the West Coast Blues Hall of Fame and Awards Show on Saturday, March 29, 2008, at 7 pm, at the Marriot Oakland City Center Hotel.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California