

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS, COUNCILMEMBER  
HOUSTON, COUNCILMEMBER BROWN, AND COUNCILMEMBER FIFE**

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**ADOPTING A RESOLUTION TO (1) COMMEMORATIVELY RENAME  
THE INTERSECTION OF OLIVE STREET AND EIGHTIETH AVENUE,  
AS 'D'WAYNE WIGGINS WAY' AND (2) AUTHORIZE THE  
INSTALLATION OF A PLAQUE OR SIGN HONORING D'WAYNE  
WIGGINS, PURSUANT TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES  
ESTABLISHED BY OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL 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 will occasionally honor the contributions of an outstanding individual with commemorative street names or by the renaming of a public street such as with Bruce Lee Way, Herbert Guice Way, Peter Van Kleeef Way, Dr. Huey P. Newton Way, Deontae Bush Way, Dorothy King Way, and Too \$hort Way; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Oakland City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. (passed July 15, 2003), the City Council may, on its motion, consider the renaming of a public street as a tribute to an individual or as a result of a significant event or activity, if one of the following criteria is met: (1) the individual has positively impacted the lives of a nation or the world; or (2) the name change is related to an economic development or redevelopment activity; or (3) The renaming commemorates a significant historical event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may commemorate a nominee either by: (a) retaining the existing street name and installing commemorative plaques or signs; or (b) renaming the existing street for the individual and installing new street signs; and

**WHEREAS**, D'Wayne Patrice Wiggins, born on February 14<sup>th</sup>, 1961, and raised in Oakland, California by Charlie and Mary Brown Wiggins, is a celebrated artist and cultural ambassador who displayed musical talent in early life, joining his school band at Castlemont High School before touring with gospel legend Tramain Hawkins and pop icon, Sheena Easton on Prince's "Parade Tour; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, D'Wayne co-founded the platinum-selling R&B group Tony! Toni! Tone! with his brother Raphael Saadiq, and cousin, Timothy Christian Riley, producing 14 Billboard-charting R&B singles and selling over six million albums including classics like "Anniversary," "Feels Good," and "It Never Rains (In Southern California)"; and

**WHEREAS**, D'Wayne founded Grass Roots Entertainment and the iconic "House of Music" studio located in West Oakland, mentoring and developing acts including Destiny's Child, Keyshia Cole, and others, helping launch or influence the careers of Beyonce, India Arie, Zendaya, and Kehlani; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2000, he released his debut solo project "Eyes Never Lie" featuring Jamie Foxx and Carlos, and in 2003 won a Grammy Award for his production work on Alicia Keys' "The Diary of Alicia Keys"; and

**WHEREAS**, D'Wayne contributed to Oakland's cultural legacy through the Hyphy Movement, collaborating with Too \$hort, Messy Marv, and others, and would eventually tour as the bandleader of 'Tony! Toni! Tone!' before reuniting with his fellow bandmates for the 'Just Me and You' Tour in 2023; and

**WHEREAS**, beyond music, D'Wayne Wiggins has left a profound impact as a father to his children, Ilahn, Dylan, and Jaden and as a cultural and community figure whose work has uplifted generations of Oaklanders; and

**WHEREAS**, the commemorative street naming and associated costs shall be undertaken by the Offices of Councilmember Houston, Council President Jenkins, Councilmember Brown, and Councilmember Fife;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby approves the commemorative renaming of the intersection of Olive Street and Eightieth Avenue as "**D'Wayne Wiggins Way**"; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of ‘D’Wayne Wiggins Way’ and placement of commemorative street signs and/or plaques to that effect 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

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