



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER HOUSTON**

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**RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATIVELY RENAME COLLINS DRIVE  
AS TURNER GROUP DRIVE IN HONOR OF THE TURNER GROUP'S  
OUTSTANDING CONTRIBUTIONS TO COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT,  
WORKFORCE EQUITY, AND ECONOMIC JUSTICE IN OAKLAND**

**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**, 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 of Oakland recognizes the importance of honoring individuals and organizations whose legacy has positively shaped the City's cultural identity, economic development, and commitment to equity; and

**WHEREAS**, street names are an enduring symbol of the values Oakland holds dear, serving as a permanent record of civic leadership, resilience, and contribution to the public good; and

**WHEREAS**, siblings Lance Turner, Lagon Turner, Leland Turner, La Tanya Turner Hawkins, and Len Turner, along with their cousin Fred Mackay, all proud Oakland natives, hereinafter referred to as the Turner Group, founded Turner Group Construction in 2005; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turner Group members were inspired by the values and entrepreneurial legacy of their Parents Ben and Sharon Turner, and launched their minority-owned construction firm with a mission to deliver quality, integrity, and opportunity in the construction industry while creating inclusive pathways for black and brown Oakland residents; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turner Group’s unwavering commitment to hiring locally, empowering underrepresented communities, and creating sustainable economic impact aligns with Oakland’s equity-driven development goals and principles of inclusive growth; and

**WHEREAS**, recognizing the systemic barriers that minority-owned and emerging contractors face in entering and succeeding in the construction industry, the Turner Group launched the Construction Resource Center, a support hub offering foundational business development, back-office assistance, and training resources to small contractors and tradespeople; and

**WHEREAS**, through the Construction Resource Center, the Turner Group has created a model of empowerment that helps eliminate historical disparities, incubates the next generation of minority construction professionals, and builds lasting community capacity; and

**WHEREAS**, the Turner Group has contributed to the physical and economic revitalization of Oakland while remaining deeply rooted in its neighborhoods, values, and people, demonstrating that development can be community-centered, culturally competent, and socially transformative; and

**WHEREAS**, the renaming of Collins Drive to Turner Group Drive would not only honor the significant contributions of the Turner Group, but also serve as a visible testament to the power of Oakland-grown innovation, entrepreneurship, and community investment; and

**WHEREAS**, costs associated with this commemorative renaming shall be undertaken by the office of Councilmember Houston, now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby approves the commemorative renaming of Collins Drive to Turner Group Drive in recognition of the Turner Group’s transformative contributions to Oakland’s economic development, workforce equity, and community resilience; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Administrator is authorized to proceed with the commemorative designation of Turner Group Drive and the 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