

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE KALB

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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATIVELY ADDING THE NAME: “DAISAKU IKEDA WAY” TO OPAL STREET BETWEEN 38TH STREET AND 40TH STREET IN RECOGNITION OF THE SERVICE OF THIRD PRESIDENT OF SOKA GAKKAI AND THEIR PRESENCE IN THE NEIGHBORHOOD**

**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 Dr. Huey P. Newton Way.

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Oakland City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S., the City Council may, on its own 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 conditions 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

**WHEREAS**, under the procedures outlined by the companion Resolution Nos. 77966 C.M.S. and 77967 C.M.S. 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**, the City Council finds that Dr. Daisaku Ikeda's contributions to the international community eminently merit commemoration:

Dr. Daisaku Ikeda was appointed the 3<sup>rd</sup> president of the Soka Gakkai on May 3, 1960 and vowed to spread the ideals of peace, humanity and cross-cultural understanding through dialogue with all peoples. Moreover, during his lifetime as

president, Dr. Ikeda traveled the world extensively and tirelessly meeting with the lay practitioners of Soka Gakkai International as well as the heads of state, philosophers, policy makers, and leading thinkers dedicated to spreading peace, culminating in the development of practitioners in over 190 countries and territories who uphold the ideals exemplified by Dr. Ikeda.

The result of Dr. Ikeda's travels to share their Buddhist philosophy has led to over 12 million practitioners who strive to create Peace in their respective communities, often one human being at a time. And Dr. Ikeda's humanitarian endeavors have included submitting a Peace Proposal to the United Nations annually since 1983, in support of the abolishment of nuclear weapons to promote the security of humankind.

Further, over 1,000 SGI members reside in Oakland today and there are thousands more members of the Soka Gakkai International in the Bay Area with the goal of spreading cultural awareness, humanity and peace in their communities.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends to honor Dr. Ikeda's contribution to the Oakland community and the world by retaining the existing street name, adding an additional honorary street name, and installing commemorative street signs or plaques; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends that the costs associated with such a commemorative act will be borne by Soka Gakkai International-USA; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED** that the Oakland City Council hereby approves the commemorative naming of Opal Street between 38th Street and 40th Street as 'Daisaku Ikeda Way' while retaining the primary street name Opal Street; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of 'Daisaku Ikeda Way' and placement of street sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect on Opal Street between 38<sup>th</sup> Street and 40<sup>th</sup> Street.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES – FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,  
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the  
Council of the City of Oakland, California