

# CITY OF OAKLAND

## AGENDA REPORT

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TO: Office of the City Administrator  
ATTN: Dan Lindheim  
FROM: President Pro Tempore Larry E. Reid  
DATE: April 20, 2010

RE: **Action On A Report And Resolution From The Office Of President Pro Tempore Larry E. Reid Regarding A Tribute To Sgt. Daniel Sakai, Sgt. Mark Dunakin, Sgt. Ervin Romans, And Officer John Hege, Who Lost Their Lives On March 21, 2009, By Naming Each Of The Four Hearing Rooms In City Hall After The Fallen Officers.**

### SUMMARY

The purpose of this report is to name each of the four hearing rooms (HRs) in City Hall in memory of Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege who lost their lives tragically on March 21, 2009. Naming the HRs after each of the aforementioned officers would serve as a permanent tribute to the men and their families from the elected officials in the City of Oakland, where they collectively gave 45 years of faithful service.

The cost associated with adoption of this resolution is between \$620-\$1,340. President Pro Tempore Reid requests that the City Council take action to adopt this recommendation and resolution.

### FISCAL IMPACT

Adoption of this resolution includes creating new nameplates for each of the HRs and re-stenciling the glass above each room. Building Services staff has agreed to take down and install any new lettering or plaques at no additional cost to the City of Oakland. The total cost associated with these activities is between \$620-\$1,340 depending on the type of plaque chosen. The breakdown of these costs includes the following:

- \$0 Removal of the nameplates
- \$0 Creation of the nameplates
- \$0 Replacement of the nameplates
- \$140 Re-Stenciling of the glass above the HRs (\$35 per room)
- \$480-\$1,200 for a special plaque marking the entrance of each room

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**TOTAL: \$620-\$1,340**

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Options for plaques include the following;

"In Memory of", with Name, Logo and Badge Number 8" x 12"

1. Engraved Aluminum on wood backing/frame ..... 120.00 Each
2. All metal w/raised lettering and painted background..... 300.00 Each

## **BACKGROUND**

On March 21, 2009 a lone gunmen killed Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege, making it one of the darkest days in law enforcement history in the State of California. As a result of this tragedy the Bay Area communities and law enforcement from all over the world converged on Oakland to pay tribute to our fallen heroes. Whether individuals attended the funeral service, paid tribute at makeshift memorials, or provided assistance to the families there was a tremendous outpouring of support during this difficult time.

One year later elected officials across the Bay Area and the State have held ceremonies to dedicate stretches of highway, rename overpasses, plant a grove of trees, hold vigils, and sponsored other events to honor and commemorate these four Oakland Police officers. The elected officials in the City of Oakland would like to do its part by honoring these great individuals in the City where they faithfully served and ultimately gave their lives to protect its citizens by renaming the four HRs in City Hall in their honor.

## **KEY ISSUES AND IMPACTS**

The tragedy of March 21, 2009 still looms over the City of Oakland and certainly impacts the daily lives of the families, members of the Department, and the community. However, in light of this tragedy it is only fitting that the elected officials of the City of Oakland pay tribute to these brave men by honoring them for the way that they lived and for being the type of individuals willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for the citizens that they were sworn to protect. Although no tribute equates to the sacrifice that they and their families have made, naming the HRs in their honor will be a permanent fixture and daily reminder to the elected officials and the community of these great individuals.

## **SUSTAINABLE OPPORTUNITIES**

*Economic:* None.

*Environmental:* None.

*Social Equity:* None.

## **DISABILITY AND SENIOR CITIZEN ACCESS**

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Adoption of this resolution has no impact on senior citizen or disability access.

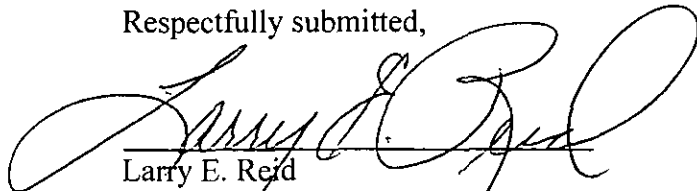
### **RECOMMENDATION(S) AND RATIONALE**

As President Pro Tempore of the Council and Chair of the Public Safety Committee I recommend that the City Council adopt this resolution naming the HRs in the honor of Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege on this the one year anniversary of their deaths. Naming the HRs in honor of these four slain officers is timely and appropriate as the HRs currently have no names and are only identified by number. Additionally, unlike similar events (i.e. tragic death of Officer Willie Wilkins) renaming a park or a street would be inappropriate given that there were four officers involved in one incident as opposed to one as in the Officer Willie Wilkins tragedy. Lastly, to ensure its permanency and its significance planting a tree(s) or putting a plaque on a bench/rock would also be inappropriate as trees may get cut down/destroyed and putting a plaque on an object will not generate the type of attention from the public and electeds that is most deserving and appropriate in this case. As such, naming the hearing rooms is relatively easy to do since are currently only identified by number, is financially feasible, permanent, and because the HRs are used daily by the community and elected officials it will generate the type of usage and attention that is appropriate.

### **ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL**

President Pro Tempore Reid recommends that the City Council approve the resolution adopting the naming of the hearing rooms within City Hall in the names of Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege.

Respectfully submitted,



Larry E. Reid  
President Pro Tempore  
Councilmember District 7

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Public Safety Committee

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APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE  
CITY COUNCIL [or \_\_\_\_\_ COMMITTEE]:

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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

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

**INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT PRO TEM: LARRY E. REID**

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Larry E. Reid Regarding A Tribute To Sgt. Daniel Sakai, Sgt. Mark Dunakin,  
Sgt. Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege, Who Lost Their Lives On  
March 21, 2009, By Naming Each Of The Four Hearing Rooms In City Hall After  
The Fallen Officers at a cost not to exceed \$1,340.**

**WHEREAS**, The men and women of the Oakland Police Department risk their lives daily to ensure the safety of Oakland residents, and

**WHEREAS**, These risks include extraordinary sacrifices that often require personnel to put themselves in extremely dangerous situations with the potential to endanger life and limb, and

**WHEREAS**, On March 21, 2009 Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege made the ultimate sacrifice when they were killed by an armed gunman darkest days in the history of a law enforcement history, and

**WHEREAS**, On the first anniversary of their untimely deaths the Oakland City Council acknowledges their sacrifice, dedication, and contributions and

**WHEREAS**, In tribute the City Council requests that each of the hearing rooms in City Hall be named after each of the fallen officers, and

**WHEREAS**, The four hearing rooms are currently nameless and the naming of them would serve as a permanent fixture in City Hall by the elected officials as an acknowledgement of their sacrifices, and

**WHEREAS**, Naming the hearing rooms in their honor in City Hall will serve as a constant reminder to the elected officials and to the thousands of members of the public who use the rooms everyday of the contributions that these men made, and

**WHEREAS**, The costs of naming the hearing rooms shall not exceed \$1,340 including installation and labor, and

**WHEREAS**, The City of Oakland extends its gratitude and appreciation to all members of the Oakland Police Department and especially to the families of Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans and Officer John Hege for their commitment to ensure the safety and protection of all Oakland residents, and now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council recognize and honor Sergeants Daniel Sakai, Mark Dunakin, Ervin Romans, and Officer John Hege on this one year anniversary by naming the hearing rooms in their honor.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA , \_\_\_\_\_ 20\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER  
NOES -  
ABSENT -  
ABSTENTION -

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

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