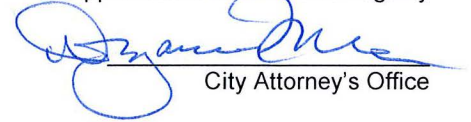


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**RESOLUTION HONORING STEVEN HUSS, CULTURAL ARTS  
MANAGER, FOR HIS OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO THE CITY OF  
OAKLAND AND COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING ART AND CULTURE  
TO OAKLANDERS THROUGHOUT HIS 11 YEARS OF SERVICE**

**WHEREAS**, for the past eleven years, Mr. Huss has overseen the City of Oakland's arts programs which has an annual budget of \$3 million dollars; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huss has overseen the Public Art Advisory Committee, the Funding Advisory Committee and the Cultural Affairs Commission, which are appointed bodies of Oakland artists, residents, and cultural leaders, whom Mr. Huss has aided as these bodies analyze and review countless Oakland public art projects, as well as cultural funding grants for individual artist projects, local arts organizations, and artists in the schools initiatives; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as Cultural Arts Manager, despite challenging economic times, Mr. Huss oversaw an increase of 35% in the number of artists and arts organizations receiving grants from the Cultural Funding Program; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure in Oakland, Mr. Huss conceived of and implemented "Luminous Oakland," a Public Art Program initiative to develop a media-arts corridor in the Uptown District emphasizing illuminated and light-based public art; and

**WHEREAS**, "Luminous Oakland" projects initiated by Mr. Huss have included the BART 17<sup>th</sup> Street Gateway projects, the largest public art commission to-date for the City of Oakland, and the temporary sculptures at Uptown ArtPark (19th & Telegraph); and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huss successfully secured a National Endowment for the Arts grant awarded to the City of Oakland, from the Mayors' Institute on City Design 25<sup>th</sup> Anniversary program, for the Uptown ArtPark, a groundbreaking creative placemaking initiative; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to his commitment to art and cultural work in Oakland, Mr. Huss is the co-founder and chairman of the Northern California Public Art Administrators Network which is an ad-hoc group of public art professionals who meet to collaborate and share best practices; and

**WHEREAS**, as chairman of the "NorCal PAAN" Mr. Huss collaborated on the establishment of the Public Art Academy, a regional initiative to provide professional development and technical assistance for local artists interested in competing for public art commissions; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huss co-founded 510Arts.com, an East Bay Cultural Corridor web-based partnership marketing and promoting the East Bay arts and culture scene; and

**WHEREAS**, before coming to Oakland, Mr. Huss served Alameda County as the Executive Director of the Alameda County Arts Commission for eight years; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huss has supervised over 100 public art projects with budgets ranging up to \$2.1 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Huss has always worked with great integrity, passion, and commitment to create a more beautiful, thriving, and creative Oakland; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland honors Steven Huss for his tireless dedication to providing arts experiences and opportunities for all of Oakland and its visitors to enjoy; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland thanks Mr. Huss for his passion in cultivating and expanding public access to art in Oakland and the entire of Northern California.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California