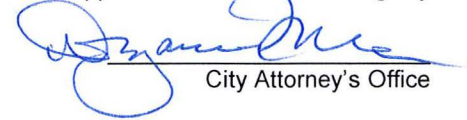


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 85731 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 17th 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 25th 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, -

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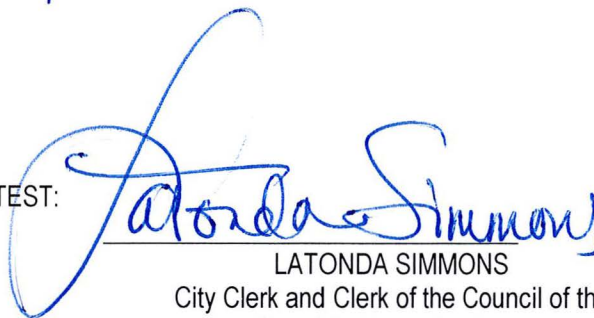
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - ~~BROOKS~~, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 7

Excused - Brooks - 1

NOES - 0
ABSENT - 0
ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:


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