



CITY OF OAKLAND

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MEMORANDUM

DATE September 25, 2025
TO: City Council and Members of the Public
FROM: Councilmember, Carroll Fife, District 3
SUBJECT: Honoring Diamano Coura West African Dance Company

Dear Council Colleagues and Community,

The attached resolution honors Diamano Coura West African Dance Company for 50 years of outstanding service to the City of Oakland through the presentation of traditional West African music, dance, theater, and culture.

Founded by Dr. Zakarya Sao Diouf and Naomi Gedo Diouf in 1975, Diamano Coura's programming, including the Collage de Cultures Africaines Conference, Arts-in-Education Program, and year-round performances have supported Oakland as a cultural destination for African Dance, attracting international recognition, artists, and audience.

Thank you for your support in recognizing and celebrating the 50th anniversary of Diamano Coura West African Dance Company and their dedicated work to advance belonging, inclusion, and cultural expression for all Oaklanders.

Sincerely,

Oakland City Councilmember
Carroll Fife, District 3