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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER FIFE

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**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF STACEY PARK MILBERN FOR HER SUBSTANTIAL ADVOCACY AND ORGANIZING EFFORTS TO ADVANCE DISABILITY JUSTICE AND HER INDELIBLE IMPACT ON CREATING A MORE EQUITABLE OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Stacey Park Milbern was born in 1987 and was a queer Korean/white Southern femme working class disability justice movement worker, writer, and thought leader; and

**WHEREAS**, at age sixteen in North Carolina, Stacey began organizing with other disabled youth of color through the Disabled Young People's Collective; and

**WHEREAS**, after moving to Oakland in 2011, Stacey co-created the Creating Collective Access space at the Allied Media Conference to work with Sins Invalid, Bad CRIPP, and the #PowerToLive and NoBodyIsDisposable coalitions, organizing for disabled and elder survival and mutual aid during climate emergency events, power shutoffs, and COVID-19; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey served as an appointed adviser to the Obama administration, was part of the successful national fight to save the Affordable Care Act (ACA) and Medicaid, and co-wrote Bernie Sanders's 2020 disability platform; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2019, Stacey founded the Disability Justice Culture Club, a disability justice community center, as a gathering place for the disabled BIPOC community in her accessible East Oakland home. She said, "I want to leave a legacy of disabled people knowing that we are powerful and beautiful because of who we are, not despite it,"; and

**WHEREAS**, in early 2020 Stacey participated in and supported the Moms4Housing organizing in West Oakland to uplift the right for everyone to have safe and stable housing; and

**WHEREAS**, as COVID-19 began to impact Oakland, Stacey began organizing mutual aid networks to provide groceries to over 100 disabled individuals and families in Oakland, and go-bags for her unhoused neighbors including gloves, hand sanitizer and masks, among other items; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey lived many lifetimes worth of advocacy work and brought dozens of disabled people and allies into the movement, directly impacting the Oakland community she was a part of. All of the work that she began and led- Disability Justice Culture Club, care rationing, COVID mutual aid- continues today; and

**WHEREAS**, Stacey Park Milbern passed away on her 33rd birthday, May 19, 2020. While she is sorely missed by our community, her work continues through the many lives she has impacted and changed for the better; and

**WHEREAS**, there are plans to honor Stacey’s work and legacy with “StaceyFest”, a celebration of disability culture and community taking place on July 20, 2024 in Oscar Grant Plaza; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby honors Stacey Park Milbern for her lifetime of advocacy and organizing efforts to advance disability justice and her indelible impact on creating a more equitable Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –  
ABSENT –  
ABSTENTION –

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