

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

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**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATIVELY RENAMING RUDSDALE STREET FROM 76TH AVE TO 79TH AVE AS 'GLADYS GREEN AND TEDDIE RADFORD WAY' PURSUANT TO THE POLICY AND CRITERIA ESTABLISHED BY OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 77967 C.M.S**

**WHEREAS**, an application has been submitted by the Office of Councilmember Treva Reid requesting the commemorative street renaming of Rudsdale Street from 76th Ave to 79th Ave be renamed as "Gladys Green and Teddie Radford Way"; and

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code section 34091.1 allows a jurisdiction by resolution to name a new public street or to rename an existing public street; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of a new public street or the renaming of an existing public street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council will occasionally honor the contributions of an outstanding individual with commemorative street names or by the renaming of a public street, such as Joe Morgan Way, Herbert Guice Way, Peter Van Kleef Way, Dr. Huey P. Newton Way, Deontae Bush Way, Dorothy King Way, and Too Short Way; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to Oakland City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. (passed July 15, 2003), the City Council may, on its own motion, consider the renaming of a public street as a tribute to an individual, or as a result of a significant event or activity if one of the following criteria is met: (1) The individual has positively impacted the lives of a nation or the world; or (2) The name change is related to an economic development or redevelopment activity; or (3) The renaming commemorates a significant historical event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may commemorate a nominee either by: (a) retaining the existing street name and installing commemorative plaques or signs; or (b) renaming the existing street for the individual and installing new street signs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that Mrs. Gladys Green and Mrs. Teddie Radford, longtime friends and acclaimed community members, have positively impacted many lives in the

City of Oakland and across the world and merit commemoration both individually and as a whole:

- 1) The late Mrs. Gladys Green left an unforgettable mark on her hometown of Oakland and in Alameda County. She led out incredibly strong as a neighborhood activist, business leader, and advocate for low-income and underserved residents for over 70 years as well as helping champion successful efforts to curb gun violence in Oakland.

Mrs. Green served willingly and diligently as a member of several local and regional bodies. She was dedicated to serving her immediate neighborhood and deeply committed to helping others and making Oakland a better place to live, work, and play.

Leveraging her strong influences in the community. Mrs. Green developed excellent relationships with the City of Oakland, Alameda County, state-elected officials, department heads, and management in all the municipalities that impact Oakland. Her track record and long history of public service speak for themselves. Her ability to advance stakeholder concerns to actionable items will be admired for years to come.

Mrs. Green served as the Board Chair of the Alameda County-Oakland Community Action Partnership (AC-OCAP), which works to eliminate poverty and blunt its impacts. For more than a decade, she organized monthly food giveaways and a holiday toy drive for families and children at St. Benedict's Church, where Mrs. Green was an active member and an electoral and Eucharistic minister.

Mrs. Green was a longtime member and Vice Chair of the Board of Oakland Business Development Corporation, which provides loans and consultation to help launch small businesses. She successfully helped launch Oakland's Pican and Bakesale Betty restaurants. Mrs. Green was also the President of the Elmhurst Community Development Board for Oakland's District 7 and a member of the Coliseum Redevelopment Advisory Committee, where she advocated for keeping a sports franchise in Oakland for economic stability.

Mrs. Green's dedication to community service has been recognized by numerous awards and honors over the years. A courageous leader in her efforts to promote public safety, in 1999 she was honored by the State of California for her work on legislation that broadened restrictions on assault weapons and worked with the Oakland Unified School District on programs seeking to remove guns from school campuses. In February of 2015, Mrs. Green was recognized by former Councilmember Larry Reid as the District 7 Black History Month Honoree. That same year, she was inducted into the Alameda County Women's Hall of Fame as the "Community Service" inductee.

Mrs. Green made countless significant contributions in her community, in the City of Oakland, and regionally. Her every action demonstrated her deep commitment to public service, civic engagement, and being a champion for its residents. Leaving behind an astounding legacy of her incredible work and a positive impact from her service, on Monday, March 28, 2022, Mrs. Green went home to be with the Lord.

- 2) The late Teddie L. Radford was born on February 18, 1925, in Camden, Texas. She was the ninth of ten children and often remarked that working on the family farm in Camden alongside her siblings instilled in her strength of body and mind, resilience, and an appreciation of all life had to offer. In 1950 when her husband, Tommie L. Radford, was called to serve our country in World War II, the family relocated to Oakland, CA, and settled in the family home at 78th Ave. and Rudsdale Street.

In 1952, Mrs. Radford joined and remained an active member of Allen Temple Baptist Church. She was an original member of the former Chancel Choir, sang in the Sanctuary and Mass Choirs and was actively involved with the Mary C. Williams Circle. She was also a personal sponsor of the Allen Temple Little League Baseball Program.

Although her various volunteer roles within the East Oakland community are too vast to list, notably Mrs. Radford was also a fierce community activist, advocating for the safety and well-being of her neighbors and neighborhood. She served as the Co-Chair of the Rudsdale Safety Coalition, as a member and officer of the Board of Directors for Oakland's City Council District 7-Elmhurst District Board and was an active leader of the non-profit Oakland Community Organizations. She was also an early advocate for the development of the East Oakland Senior Center.

In addition to being a loving child of God, a wife, and a mother, Mrs. Radford worked for over twenty years at Sunshine Biscuits at a time when factories in District 7 were thriving.

On June 5, 2018, Mrs. Radford peacefully ascended to take her place with our Lord God.

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends to honor Mrs. Gladys Green and Mrs. Teddie Radford's contribution to the Oakland community by retaining the existing street name, adding an additional honorary street name, and installing commemorative street signs or plaques; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends that the costs associated with such a commemorative act will be borne by Councilmember Treva Reid's office; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council hereby approves the commemorative renaming of Rudsdale Street from 76th Ave to 79th Ave as "Gladys Green and Teddie Radford Way"; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of 'Gladys Green and Teddie Radford Way' and placement of street sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect on Rudsdale Street from 76th Ave to 79th Ave upon payment of costs.

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

