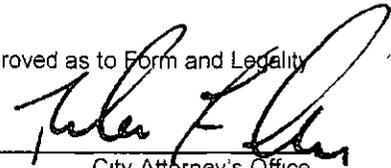


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA
KERNIGHAN AND LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY**

**A RESOLUTION HONORING MAESTRO GIL GLEASON FOR
HIS SERVICE TO THE COMMUNITY AS CONDUCTOR OF THE
OAKLAND COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA FOR 50 YEARS MAY 9,
2014**

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason began directing a small ensemble of musicians in a music program with Oakland's Department of Parks and Recreation in 1964 and continues to conduct this ensemble today, 50 years later; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason built the ensemble from a handful of people into an orchestra of over 40 musicians from several cities, now called the Oakland Community Orchestra (OCO); and

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason provides an opportunity for amateur or retired musicians to play in a large ensemble rehearsing and performing significant works while also finding new friendships and knowing that their efforts also will be appreciated by others and serve the community; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason has made it possible for the OCO to serve Oakland public elementary and middle schools by scheduling concerts in schools where many students have never seen or heard a large ensemble perform or understood the diversity of sounds and music produced by the various instruments of an orchestra; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason takes the orchestra to assisted living facilities in Oakland to perform for people who are unable to attend concerts in venues away from home; and

WHEREAS, Maestro Gleason also played violin for the Oakland Symphony Orchestra for 35 years before he retired; and

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council extends its deep appreciation to Maestro Gil Gleason for the time he spent and the skills he used establishing and conducting the Oakland Community Orchestra, which for 50 years has offered a wealth of diverse music to Oakland as an integral part of the city's cultural and artistic tradition.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF, AND PRESIDENT
KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

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