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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 85088 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE 8TH GRADUATING CLASS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S CITIZENS ACADEMY

WHEREAS, Spring 2014 marked the celebration of the graduation of 20 students of the 8th Citizens Academy; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Academy was founded by the City Manager's Office, later implemented by the Equal Access Office, and is now a program of the Neighborhood Services Division; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Academy is an innovative program created to foster civic engagement by educating and training a diversity of residents in the functions of local government, and in civic and political issues in order to broaden resident participation; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens Academy employs a variety of practical and strategic approaches to effectively train and engage a cross-section of city residents in City government; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Academy graduates serve as community liaisons, resource leaders and educators for the City of Oakland's government services and programs; and

WHEREAS, Citizens Academy graduates provide a direct channel for constituents to learn how the City of Oakland operates, particularly regarding how policies are set and decisions made; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby honors and recognizes the twenty graduates of the City of Oakland's 8th Citizens Academy on this day, Tuesday, July 15, 2014.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -ABSENT -ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: ATONDA SIMMONS

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