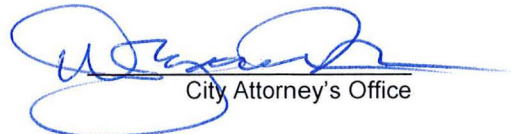


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING THE LIFE OF REVEREND NEWTON CAREY JR. AND HONORING HIM FOR HIS LIFETIME OF EVANGELISM, PUBLIC SERVICE, AND DEDICATION TO HELPING THOSE LESS FORTUNATE

WHEREAS, Newton Carey Jr. was born on September 15, 1934 to Bertha and Newton Carey Sr. a pioneering Black general store owner in Colfax, Louisiana; and

WHEREAS, Newton Carey Jr. served in the United States Army from 1952 to 1955 and upon receiving an honorable discharge decided to move to Oakland, California, an active western Port city that was home to a growing African American population; and

WHEREAS, while living in Oakland, Newton Carey Jr. met and married the love of his life, Sallie T. Johnson on Thanksgiving Day in 1954 and shortly thereafter began his career in the automotive gas business working his way up from attendant to General Manager of Simas Brothers Gas, a popular local chain of stations owned by his business mentor Walter Simas; and

WHEREAS, Newton Carey Jr. was a savvy business man and entrepreneur and he soon became one of the first African Americans to own and operate gas stations in Northern California when he opened his own small chain of Carey gas stations, which included six stations throughout Alameda County; and

WHEREAS, in 1971, Newton Carey Jr. was called to the ministry in Oakland, California under the tutelage of Pastor George Houston of Cosmopolitan Baptist Church and shortly thereafter began ministering with his wife at the Open Door Mission and, utilizing their business acumen, established the East Bay Rescue Mission to minister in the jails and to the down-and-out in Oakland including the homeless and formerly incarcerated; and,

WHEREAS, in 1975 Newton Carey Jr. became the Senior Pastor of True Vine Missionary Baptist Church a small congregation in West Oakland and together with his wife, Pastor Carey and Mama Sallie broke with convention and established innovative evangelism programs such as the True Vine Food Pantry to feed the needy, The True

Vine Clothing Room stocked with new and gently worn items to clothe those in need, Door-to-Door Witnessing and the True Vine Block Party & Health Fair that provides a Thanksgiving-type cooked meal, groceries, health screenings and gospel entertainment to the poor and indigent in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, in 1992 Pastor Carey established a sister-church fellowship with Hillside Covenant, a predominantly white congregation in Walnut Creek to model racial reconciliation after the brutal police beating of Rodney King set off riots in Southern California; and

WHEREAS, in 2000 Pastor Carey co-founded the D&N Institute, a West Oakland-based non-profit dedicated to addressing poverty and violence in West Oakland and throughout his 40 years of ministry has helped thousands of people find jobs, get off drugs, restore their marriages and become contributing members of society; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland hereby celebrates the life of Reverend Newton Carey Jr. and honors him for his lifetime of evangelism, public service, and dedication to helping those less fortunate.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California