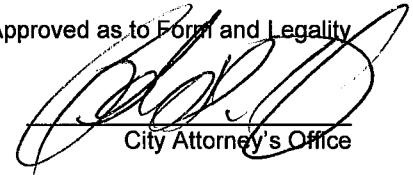


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

**Resolution Commemoratively Renaming Telegraph Avenue Between
16th And 17th Street As Peter Van Kleeef Way Per The Process
Established By Res. No. 77967 C.M.S.**

WHEREAS, an application has been submitted to the Office of City Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney by the Downtown Oakland Association, requesting the commemorative street naming of Telegraph Avenue between 17th Street and 16th Streets as Peter Van Kleeef 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

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 with Joe Morgan Way and Herbert Guice Way; and

WHEREAS, the City Council in 2003 established procedures for commemorative street naming through Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S under which the City Council may, by 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 and one of the following conditions is met:

- the individual has positively impacted the lives of a nation or the world; or
- the name change is related to an economic development or redevelopment activity; or
- the renaming commemorates a significant historical event; and

WHEREAS, under the procedures outlined by the companion Resolutions No. 77966 and 77967 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 Council of the City of Oakland did meet and did receive public testimony and did deliberate on the provisions set forth in Resolution No 77967 C.M.S. for evaluation of street commemorations and

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that Peter Van Kleeef's contributions to the Oakland community eminently merit commemoration in that Peter Van Kleeef (1950-2015)

came from Rotterdam, Holland, in 1950 and immigrated to the City of Oakland at the age of six, settling first in a house one block off of Telegraph Avenue in the Temescal District;

left the East Bay in 1969 to wander around the world – hitchhiking, crossing borders and sleeping in caves, as well as collecting the experiences, stories and artifacts he would later share with thousands of people in his beloved Oakland;

served the Oakland Community as founder and owner of the bar and art gallery, Café Van Kleeef, beginning in 2000 when it instantly became one of the City's most treasured establishments;

was known as the "Godfather of Uptown" for almost singlehandedly bringing economic revitalization to the Uptown Neighborhood as an artist and a bon vivant who painted pictures, told stories and created a true masterpiece at 1621 Telegraph Avenue called Café Van Kleeef; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to honor Peter Van Kleeef's contribution to Oakland by retaining the existing street name and installing commemorative plaques or signs and intends that the costs associated with such a commemorative act will be born by the Downtown Oakland Association; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Oakland hereby approves the commemorative renaming of Telegraph Avenue between 16th And 17th Street as 'Peter Van Kleeef Way'; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council determines that the proposal for "Peter Van Kleeef Way" fulfills the criteria and intent of the commemorative street naming program to honor citizens who have made exemplary contributions to the residents of Oakland as set forth in City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S.; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City Council congratulates the Downtown Oakland Association and Director Steve Snider for this educational effort, sharing with a citywide public the life of Peter Van Kleeef and of his enduring cultural and economic life of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of Peter Van Kleeef Way and placement of sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect on Telegraph Avenue between 16th and 17th streets.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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