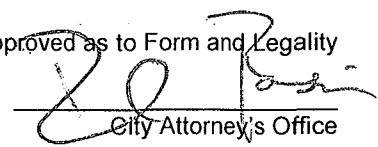


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO

RESOLUTION HONORING THE PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK AS A 2017 RECIPIENT OF THE NATIONAL MEDAL FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICE, THE NATION'S HIGHEST HONOR FOR MUSEUM AND LIBRARY SERVICES TO THE COMMUNITY, AND RECOGNIZING PERALTA HACIENDA HISTORICAL PARK'S COMMUNITY CONTRIBUTIONS

WHEREAS, on May 15, 2017, the National Institute of Museum and Library Services announced the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park of Oakland, California, as one of 10 recipients of the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service, the nation's highest honor given to museums and libraries for service to the community; and

WHEREAS, for 23 years, the award has celebrated institutions that respond to societal needs in innovative ways, making a difference for individuals, families, and their communities; and

WHEREAS, the National Medal for Museum and Library Services recognizes Peralta Hacienda for its powerful programs and services that exceed the expected levels of community outreach, and in some cases changing the lives of those who enter its doors; and

WHEREAS, Peralta Hacienda Historical Park's core constituency is the Fruitvale district, one of the most diverse communities in the United States in one of its most diverse cities, with a population of 55,000 that is 55 percent Latino, and about 20 percent each Asian and African American; and

WHEREAS, census tracts surrounding the site are in the "most severely distressed" category nationwide, economically and all Fruitvale schools are Title One schools; 95 percent of the students receive free lunch and 30 percent of Fruitvale's adults have not completed high school; and

WHEREAS, through its exhibit partnerships, its community-initiated festivals, and its education programs, Peralta Hacienda is at the intersection of history and community and has taken the challenges and assets of Fruitvale and made them the museum's hallmarks, through community stories and exhibits that cherish everyone's unique perspective; and

WHEREAS, Peralta Hacienda's events serve Fruitvale's diverse cultures and the wider public through film showings, panels, forums, and major festivals and school fieldtrips, and welcome hundreds of schools from the entire Bay Area and as far away as Fresno, teaching traditional arts of the Ohlone and the California's as kids learn state social science curriculum; and

WHEREAS, educational programs focus on at-risk Fruitvale youth, aged 5-18, and include summer and weekend camps and afterschool classes and activities that create future Citizens Scientists responsible for the planet, responsible youth leaders and budding artists; and

WHEREAS, Peralta Hacienda incorporated in 1985 and finished the historical restoration of the 1870 Peralta House in 2001, and opened that year with its first exhibit, the revolutionary Faces of Fruitvale, a photo panel exhibit of 55 Fruitvale stories; and

WHEREAS, this astonishing exhibit reframed the concept of the historic house museum nationally, dissolving its walls to let in the people; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland City Council approved the site's Master Plan in 2002 and it has been built out in three stages since then, with two more stages to go; and

WHEREAS, Peralta Hacienda is currently engaged in a capital campaign to complete stage four, which will provide adequate structures for its burgeoning arts and educational programs, which serve both Fruitvale and the city, region, state and nation; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby honors the Peralta Hacienda Historical Park for receiving the 2017 National Medal for Museum and Library Service and celebrates it as the recipient of the nation's highest museum and library honor.

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