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Date: Thursday, July 23, 2020

To: Members of the City Council

Cc: Ed Reiskin, City Administrator
Barbara Parker, City Attorney

From: Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

Re: Chauncey Bailey Way

Colleagues:

It is with great pleasure that I introduce this legislation on behalf of the residents and businesses of the Black Arts Movement and Business District to commemoratively rename 14th St. between Oak Street and Broadway Avenue as 'Chauncey Bailey Way'.

Chauncey Bailey was tragically murdered in 2007 after leaving an indelible mark on the Oakland community. Born and raised in East Oakland, he was a fixture in Oakland news and a prominent leader in the African American Community. His murder remains a symbol of the importance of defending free speech and democratic values. My hope is that this commemoration continues to build awareness among future generations of Oaklanders of Chauncey's contributions and passion for the betterment of Oakland.

I'm delighted to champion the community's request to install commemorative street signs on the blocks where Chauncey worked and where he was taken from us. Please find attached the enabling resolution for the commemorative renaming which follows the process outlined by Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S.

Signed,

Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney

