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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY
VICE MAYOR LARRY REID AND COUNCIL PRESIDENT REBECCA KAPLAN

**RESOLUTION COMMEMORATIVELY RENAMING 14TH STREET BETWEEN
OAK STREET TO BROADWAY AVENUE AS 'CHAUNCEY BAILEY 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 residents and business owners in the Black Arts Movement and Business District, requesting the commemorative street naming of 14th Street between Oak Street and Broadway Avenue as Chauncy Bailey 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; 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 Chauncey Bailey's contributions to the Oakland community eminently merit commemoration in that Chauncy Bailey (1949 –2007)

Was born and raised in East Oakland and received a bachelor's degree in journalism from San Jose St. University;

Worked in journalism for decades and earned a reputation for honest, aggressive investigative journalism that sought to hold those in power to account;

Became a prominent Oakland reporter and editor first as the Public Affairs Director and newscaster at radio station KDIA, then as an interviewer and commentator on Soul Beat Television, as a reporter for the Oakland Tribune for over a decade where he earned a reputation as one of the best chroniclers of Oakland government and politics; and finally as the editor-in-chief of the Post News Group; and,

WHEREAS, Chauncey Bailey was killed on August 2, 2007, on 14th Street near his office with the Oakland Post Newspaper Group, in retaliation for a series of stories exposing alleged corruption of a crime syndicate he was investigating; and, in 2008 Chauncey Bailey was posthumously awarded the George Polk Award – one of journalism's most prestigious honors - for his dedication to covering stories important to the Black community and for the investigation that cost him his life; and

WHEREAS, Chauncey Bailey remains a powerful example of dedicating one's life to the greater public good and the importance of defending the freedom of the press; and

WHEREAS, the City Council intends to honor Chauncey Bailey'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 borne by local community members; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED That the Council of the City of Oakland hereby approves the commemorative renaming of 14th St. between Oak Street and Broadway Avenue as 'Chauncey Bailey Way'; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of 'Chauncey Bailey Way' and placement of sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect on 14th St between Oak Street and Broadway Avenue.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO
AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California