



City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR KAPLAN

PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE THAO AND COUNCILMEMBER FIFE

RESOLUTION IN HONOR OF DOROTHY KING FOR HER CONTRIBUTIONS AS AN ENTREPRENEUR AND ACTIVIST, AND FOR HER COMMITMENT TO SOCIAL JUSTICE FOR THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND; AND DECLARING JUNE 25TH AS DOROTHY KING DAY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Dorothy King, also known as the “Queen of Que,” owner of Oakland’s famed Everett and Jones Barbeque, died on Wednesday, March 17, 2021; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy was beloved by those around her and is an icon in Oakland and especially in the African American community; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy’s mother, Dorothy Everett, founded Everett and Jones Barbeque in 1973, which has since expanded with two locations in Oakland and one in Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Everett and Jones Barbeque is a pillar of the Oakland community which hosts live music, political events and fundraisers. Whether in the restaurant or out, everyone from President Barack Obama to Congresswoman Barbara Lee to Vice President Kamala Harris and a host of local dignitaries have all enjoyed the warmth of Ms. King’s presence and hospitality; and

WHEREAS, Dorothy King was a staunch advocate for the homeless and formerly incarcerated communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King hired the formerly incarcerated, the formerly homeless and others who found difficulty gaining employment at Everett and Jones Barbeque. She was well known for her desire to give Oakland residents a second chance at having a fulfilling life; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Ms. King worked with the Oakland Union of the Homeless and Dignity Housing West to convert vacant properties into housing for the homeless; and

WHEREAS, Ms. King’s generosity benefitted the Oakland community in numerous ways. She fed over 100 people experiencing homelessness every day after the Jack London Square restaurant had closed for the night; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council recognizes Dorothy King on March 31, 2021, for her contributions as an entrepreneur and activist, and for her commitment to social justice for the people of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council declares June 25th as Dorothy King Day in the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California

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