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Date: March 25, 2021
To: Members of City Council and Members of the Public
From: Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan
Re: 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

Dear Colleagues on the City Council and Members of the Public,

Dorothy King, affectionately known as the “Queen of Que,” was the owner of Oakland’s famed Everett and Jones Barbeque and a beloved member of the Oakland community. Ms. King was an entrepreneur and activist, and committed to the fight against homelessness and for social justice for the people of Oakland. She died on Wednesday, March 17, 2021 and her positive impact on Oakland will be felt for many years to come.

Dorothy King was a staunch advocate for respecting everyone in the community, including the homeless and formerly incarcerated communities and was well known for her desire to give Oakland residents a second chance at having a fulfilling life. Ms. King’s generosity benefitted the Oakland community in numerous ways. The formerly incarcerated, and others who found difficulty gaining employment found hope and dignity at Everett and Jones Barbeque. 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. She also fed over 100 people every day.

I, along with my cosponsors, am honored to introduce a resolution that honors Dorothy King on March 31, 2021, the day of her Homegoing Celebration, to recognize her contributions to our community, and to declare June 25th as Dorothy King Day in the City of Oakland.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in purple ink, reading "Rebecca Kaplan".

Vice Mayor Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland City Councilmember At Large

Oakland City Council
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