



AGENDA MEMO

TO: Elizabeth Lake
Acting City Administrator

FROM: Ken Houston, Son of Oakland
District 7 Councilmember

SUBJECT: Arthur E. Thompson Way

DATE: May 21, 2026

RECOMMENDATION

RECOMMENDATION OF THE CITY COUNCIL TO ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO COMMEMORATIVELY RENAME THE INTERSECTION OF 99TH AVENUE AND INTERNATIONAL BOULEVARD AS “ARTHUR E. THOMPSON WAY” IN HONOR OF MR. ARTHUR E. THOMPSON’S TREMENDOUS IMPACT SERVING THE OAKLAND FAMILIES FOR NEARLY SIXTY YEARS THROUGH HIS PROFESSIONAL CAREER AS THE FOUNDER AND OPERATOR OF THOMPSON FUNERAL HOME

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report recommends the members of the City Council adopt a resolution to authorize the commemorative designation at the intersection of 99th Avenue and International Boulevard to “Arthur E. Thompson Way” and the installation of a commemorative plaque to honor the extraordinary services and legacy of Mr. Arthur E. Thompson.

For nearly sixty years, spanning the tenures of six District 7 Councilmembers — from the late Frank H. Ogawa to current Councilmember Ken Houston — Mr. Arthur E. Thompson has served the people of Oakland with compassion, dignity, and unwavering dedication through his ownership and operation of Thompson Funeral Home on International Boulevard. Since establishing the funeral home in 1969, Mr. Thompson has become a pillar of East Oakland and a trusted source of comfort and support for countless families navigating grief and loss. His contributions extend far beyond business ownership; they reflect a lifelong commitment to community care, equity, mentorship, and public service.

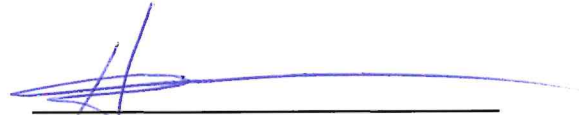
ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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Respectfully submitted,



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Attachments (1):

A: Resolution