


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS WANG AND BROWN, AND MAYOR LEE

RESOLUTION COMMEMORATIVELY RENAMING THE PLAZA (A PUBLIC RIGHT OF WAY) AT THE OAKLAND LGBTQ COMMUNITY CENTER AS “MOORE HOPE PLAZA”

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland lost two of its most dedicated and impactful community leaders, Peggy Moore and Hope Wood, who passed away tragically on May 10, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Peggy Moore was a titan of political organizing with over 25 years of activism, serving as the President of the East Bay Stonewall Democratic Club, a senior advisor to former Mayor Libby Schaaf, and the California Political Director for the 2016 Hillary Clinton presidential campaign; and

WHEREAS, Hope Wood was a brilliant strategist and organizer who co-founded the organizational development firm “Hope Action Change” alongside Peggy Moore, dedicated to coaching leaders and building power within marginalized communities; and

WHEREAS, Peggy and Hope met while organizing for Barack Obama’s 2008 presidential campaign, beginning a lifelong partnership rooted in the belief that “who you love should not limit your freedoms,” and together they became a powerhouse couple that moved the needle on civil rights, LGBTQ+ equality, and representation for people of color; and

WHEREAS, their legacy is woven into the fabric of Oakland’s political and social landscape, characterized by Peggy’s famous ability to “never meet a stranger” and their collective commitment to mentoring the next generation of activists; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center serves as a vital sanctuary and resource for the community that Peggy and Hope championed throughout their lives, making it the most fitting location to honor their memory; and

WHEREAS, commemoratively renaming the plaza at the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center as “Moore Hope Plaza” serves not only as a memorial to their lives but as a permanent reminder to all Oaklanders that there is always “More Hope” to be found in collective action and community love; and

WHEREAS, the City has procedures and processes for allowing the commemorative renaming of public streets, which may inform how the Council renames other types of public rights of way like the plaza located at the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 77966 C.M.S. establishes criteria for designating commemorative boulevards and ways in the City of Oakland, such that applications are reviewed to ensure the individual to be honored is deceased and that there is clear evidence that the individual has made a significant contribution to the economic vitality or quality of life in the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. establishes separate criteria for the City Council on its own motion to formally rename a public street as tribute to an individual that has positively impacted the lives of a nation or the world, or as a result of significant event or activity; and

WHEREAS, under the general procedures outlined by the companion Resolutions Nos. 77966 and 77967 C.M.S., the City Council wishes to commemoratively rename the public right of way plaza located at the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council commemoratively renames the plaza located at the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center as “Moore Hope Plaza” in honor of Peggy Moore and Hope Wood; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council directs the City Administrator and relevant departments to work with the Oakland LGBTQ Community Center and the Lakeshore LGBTQ Cultural District to install appropriate signage and markers to designate the plaza and commemorate the enduring contributions of Peggy Moore and Hope Wood to the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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

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