



IN HONOR OF KEITH CARSON

WHEREAS, Supervisor Keith Carson was born in Berkeley at Herrick Hospital, graduated from Berkeley High School, and remains part of the Berkeley community, serving as Alameda County Supervisor; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Carson has championed many initiatives in Berkeley, including being one of the original architects of the Berkeley Flea Market and being a member of the organizing committee for the Berkeley Juneteenth Festival; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Carson is a champion for youth; advocated for the creation of the school-based health clinic at Berkeley Technology Academy; and created and developed the Youth Ancestry Project, initially with Berkeley Technology Academy students, in which students trace their family history and in the process learn about their cultures and places in history; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Carson hosted the all-day event "Listening to the Next Generation," allowing young people, including wards of the probation department, to engage local elected officials and policy makers around legislation and policies that affect their daily lives; and

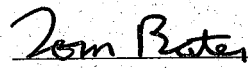
WHEREAS, Supervisor Carson orchestrated "Youth Vote" in 1996 and 1998, an initiative that allowed high schools across the county to debate and vote on ballot issues of specific concern to young people, the results of which were the basis of a "youth agenda" used to lobby elected officials and other policy makers; and

WHEREAS, Keith Carson has served the larger East-Bay community in numerous ways, including by advocating for healthcare to all residents regardless of immigration status as well as by advocating for Alameda County Behavioral Health Care Services to embark upon a novel African-American-utilization study to have health-care services better serve the community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley do hereby honor

Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson

in recognition of his commitment to youth, the City of Berkeley, and the greater East Bay.


Tom Bates
Mayor



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