



IN HONOR OF DMITRI BELSER

- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser moved to Berkeley with his Partner Tom White in 1983 to call it home; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser has a passion for restoring old homes; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser and Tom White became important to Berkeley for preserving old homes of note including the Kenney Cottage, the Cheney Cottage, and others to recycle and create affordable housing; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser collaborated with a broad constituency of local neighbors, disability agencies, federal state and local government entities, BART and transportation funders, and foundations and led the Ed Roberts Campus through much of the \$54 million fundraising, design, construction, and opening; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser, as President of the Ed Roberts Campus (ERC) at the Ashby BART, helped to bring to South Berkeley a new vision for community-engaged development; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser served on many commissions in the City of Berkeley including Landmarks, and was the Chair on the Commission on Disability; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser worked with the Berkeley Public Library on planning for the old South Branch and focused on creating access for people with disabilities, which would in turn lead to a better branch library for everyone; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser is a tireless advocate for affordable housing, universal design and access and lives his ethics; and
- WHEREAS,** Dmitri Belser is a loving father and community example of how we can work together for a better future for all of us.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that I, **Jesse Arreguin**, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby honor

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and express our sincere appreciation for his many contributions to the city and its residents.

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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