



IN HONOR OF MICHAEL COOPER

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper was born in San Francisco and has lived in Berkeley since 1975; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper served on the City of Berkeley's Cannabis Commission for eight years; and

WHEREAS, as a commissioner, Michael listened to public input and thoughtfully contributed to a community dialogue about cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper helped the City to navigate ongoing regulatory changes regarding medical and recreational cannabis; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper was an active participant in the selection process of Berkeley's initial six cannabis dispensaries; and

WHEREAS, Michael Cooper contributed to the vision of an Equity Program to address past disparities within the Cannabis industry and to recognize victims of the "War on Drugs"; and

WHEREAS, Michael was an incredibly valuable member of the Commission which supported the City's efforts to ensure that cannabis provision in Berkeley is conducted in a safe and orderly manner to protect the welfare of the community.

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

MICHAEL COOPER

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



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