



IN HONOR OF RAQUEL PINDERHUGHES

- WHEREAS,** Dr. Raquel Pinderhughes, Founder and Executive Director of the Environmental Literacy Curriculum Project, which manages Roots of Success, and professor of Urban Studies and Planning at San Francisco State University is an activist scholar whose work focuses on improving the quality of life and creating economic empowerment opportunities for low-income people and inner-city communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Roots of Success established its operating facilities in Berkeley in 2008 as an educational program that addresses poverty and ecological destruction by providing people with a pathway out of poverty by preparing them for living-wage jobs that improve environmental quality and inspires them to become activists and leaders who can improve the conditions of their communities; and
- WHEREAS,** Almost 25% of students have no high school diploma or GED and 70% of students are at or below a 10th grade reading and math level. 75% of students are low-income and almost 50% have no income at all.
- WHEREAS,** Roots of Success is used by high schools, youth programs, community programs, job training programs, re-entry programs, libraries, jails, prisons, juvenile facilities, community-based organizations, and government agencies. Roots of Success has been used by over 350 education and workforce programs across the country to serve over 23,000 youths and adults; and
- WHEREAS,** Roots of Success is the only environmental literacy and job readiness program that has been created specifically for youth and adults who have been failed by the educational system and face barriers to access stable, family-supportive jobs that restrict their opportunities.

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

RAQUEL PINDERHUGHES AND ROOTS OF SUCCESS

Jesse Arreguin

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Mayor



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