



NEIGHBORHOOD INSTITUTION YOUNG MUSICIANS CHORAL ORCHESTRA

- WHEREAS,** Daisy Newman, Executive Director and Founder of the Young Musicians Choral Orchestra (YMCO), did establish its operating facilities within the City of Berkeley in 2013, and created a youth development program with college admission as its goal; and
- WHEREAS,** The Young Musicians Choral Orchestra is a nationally recognized East Bay youth program for low income, underprivileged students, which provides a robust combination of musical training, academic reinforcement, and personal development; and
- WHEREAS,** The students of YMCO have a 100% Graduation Rate and have been accepted into prestigious universities and conservatories, and over the past 16 years, the students have garnered over 13 million in scholarships; and
- WHEREAS,** In 2018 & 2019, 45% of total YMCO students have achieved and maintained a 4.0-grade point average throughout the entire academic year; and
- WHEREAS,** In the past decade, YMCO had over 485 Student Collaborations where students have collaborated with over 20 Grammy-award winning musicians that range from Classical, R&B, Jazz and Opera; and
- WHEREAS,** The YMCO has been ranked the #1 Choral-Orchestra in the Bay Area, where in 2006, the President's Council on the Arts and Humanities awarded the prestigious Coming UpTaller Award to YMCO, resulting in a performance at the White House in 2007.

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

DAISY NEWMAN & THE YOUNG MUSICIANS CHORAL ORCHESTRA

Jesse Arreguin
Mayor



January 28, 2020