



IN HONOR OF LESTER CHAMBERS

- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers, a 2011 West Coast Blues Hall of Fame and 2012 R&B Hall of Fame recipient, is the lead singer of the legendary rock, gospel, psychedelic, folk, and funk band the Chambers Brothers; and
- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers was influential in bringing the sounds of gospel, folk, and R&B to Berkeley at the Cabale Creamery, in 1964 as well as in 1965 when Lester Chambers and The Chambers Brothers headlined the Berkeley Blues Festival Along with Chuck Berry, Big Mama Thornton, and Mississippi Fred McDowell at the Berkeley Community Theatre; and
- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers continued to influence hearts and minds headlining the Chet Helms' Tribal Stomp on October 1978 at the Greek Theater in Berkeley, California; and
- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers headlined the Bread and Roses Festival of Music in October 1979 at the Greek Theater in Berkeley, which was integral in helping to serve the sick, homeless, disabled, and imprisoned, and which also featured Joan Baez, Kris Kristofferson, David Crosby, Graham Nash, and Pete Seeger; and
- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers received a Cultural Treasure Award by the State of California for his invaluable contribution to R&B, gospel, and folk sounds in October 2004; and
- WHEREAS,** Lester Chambers continues to make Berkeley history, recently playing a sold out show at the Art House Gallery and Cultural Center in November 2014.

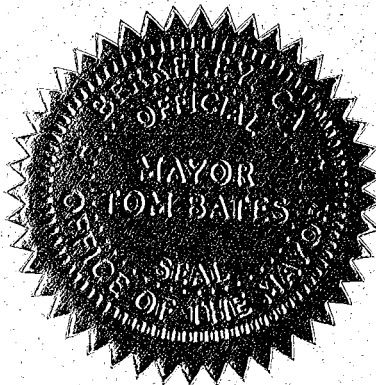
NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT I, TOM BATES, Mayor of the City of Berkeley, do hereby declare April 7, 2015 as

Lester Chambers Day

in the City of Berkeley.

Tom Bates

Tom Bates
Mayor



April 7, 2015