



City Council

CITY OF OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA

Commendation

CELEBRATING
OAKSTERDAM UNIVERSITY'S

"American Pot Story: Oaksterdam" Film
SCREENING AT THE OAKLAND INTERNATIONAL FILM FESTIVAL

WHEREAS, as it prepares to celebrate its 15th anniversary, Oaksterdam University ("Oaksterdam") has consistently been committed to the mission of providing students across the globe with the knowledge and skills they need to lead and succeed in the cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, with more than 80,000 alumni from over 100 countries, Oaksterdam is the most recognized name in cannabis education, providing trusted cross-disciplinary curriculum that covers the most recent developments in cultivation, business, and policy; and

WHEREAS, their faculty features award-winning cultivators, business owners, academics, and passionate advocates who shaped the early medical cannabis movement and continue to set the standard for the modern commercial cannabis industry; and

WHEREAS, recognized programs at Oaksterdam include the Business of Cannabis, Horticulture, Extractions and Manufacturing, and Budtender Certifications; and

WHEREAS, not only do industry professionals rely on Oaksterdam to offer quality educational resources, but government officials, regulators, and law enforcement also look to Oaksterdam staff and faculty to help guide policy and frame the market of tomorrow; and

WHEREAS, Oaksterdam offers technical assistance in partnership with the City of Oakland's Department of Race and Equity, designed to build a thriving cannabis business in Oakland with courses like Business, Supply Chain, Financial Literacy, and Advanced Security; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Rebecca Kaplan, Oakland Vice Mayor and Councilmember At-Large, am honored to uplift and celebrate Oaksterdam University at the screening of their film documentary "American Pot Story: Oaksterdam," on the closing night film of the Oakland International Film Festival, honoring the spirit of civil disobedience and a deep commitment to equity, social justice, and civil rights, highlighting the movement that started in Oakland and would impact the whole world.

Rebecca Kaplan
Oakland Vice Mayor & Councilmember At-Large

