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To honor, recognize, and celebrate Ms. Queen Brooks for being named the 2020 Raymond J. Hanley Award Recipient by the Greater Columbus Arts Council

WHEREAS, Visual Artist Queen Brooks was born in Columbus, Ohio and is a graduate of East High School. She began her art career working as an arts and crafts instructor. Ms. Brooks then went back to school and graduated from Ohio State University with her B.F.A. and M.F.A. degrees in art; and

WHEREAS, Queen Brooks is an accomplished abstract artist known for telling stories by using lines, curves, bright colors and decorative items. Her work is praised for its vibrant colors and sophisticated sense of pattern; and

WHEREAS, After working for COTA, she apprenticed under Columbus photographer Kojo Kamau and began working at the J. Ashburn Jr. Youth Center as an arts and crafts instructor. Ms. Brooks has taught at Otterbein University and Ohio Dominican University, and has long served as a mentor for Columbus artists of all ages; and

WHEREAS, Her work has appeared in Essence and International Review of African American Art, and been exhibited at the Columbus Museum of Art, King Arts Complex, Ohio Dominican and Otterbein Universities, and in collections across the U.S; and

WHEREAS, The annual award from the Raymond J. Hanley Fund at The Columbus Foundation is given to an artist who has demonstrated a high level of achievement while working at least five years in the arts in any discipline. The award money of \$15,000 is given without restriction, so that the artist can use it to further his or her career as needed; now, therefore

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS: To honor, recognize, and celebrate Ms. Queen Brooks for being named the 2020 Raymond J. Hanley Award Recipient by the Greater Columbus Arts Council