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**Dr. Noha Aboelata to Receive Oakland Citizen
Humanitarian Award at MLK Tribute**

Dr. Aboelata, founder of Roots Clinic, was nominated by Oakland Human Services Department

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Oakland, CA — Congresswoman Barbara Lee will present the **Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award** to **Dr. Noha Aboelata, M.D.** for her outstanding work on behalf of the Oakland community at **“In the Name of Love”, the 19th Annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr** hosted by **Living Jazz** on Sunday, January 17.

Nominated by the City of Oakland’s Human Services Department (HSD), Dr. Aboelata has devoted her career to eliminating health disparities and improving the health of marginalized communities. During the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Dr. Aboelata has been instrumental in setting up free testing clinics and creating clear and community-based information to prevent the spread of the virus in Oakland. Dr. Aboelata is the Founder and CEO of **Roots Community Health Center**.

“Dr. Aboelata is a compassionate leader for health equity, working tirelessly to ensure those most impacted by racial inequality have the access to health care, job training and support that they have earned and deserve,” said Director of Human Services Sara Bedford. “During a raging pandemic, the work of Roots Community Health Center in East Oakland and beyond has saved countless lives and built a foundation of community trust and service that will support Oaklanders for generations – a legacy worthy of this Dr. King award.”

“In the Name of Love”, the Annual MLK Musical Tribute hosted by **Living Jazz**, will take place online this year on **Sunday, Jan. 17 at 4 PM**. Tickets range from \$0-\$50 (suggested donation) and interested parties can RSVP at www.livingjazz.org/mlktribute.

Living Jazz, an Oakland based non-profit and producers of the MLK Tribute, originally created the Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award to acknowledge those who give of themselves beyond the call of duty and to inspire others to work for the betterment of the community. The recipient is chosen with the help of Oakland HSD and in the spirit of Dr. King’s efforts.

“In the name of Love” is made possible through the generosity of the City of Oakland Cultural Funding Program, California Arts Council, William and Flora Hewlett Foundation, and the Alameda County Arts Commission.

Living Jazz, a non-profit Oakland based organization, was created in 1984. Its mission is to Transform Lives Through Music. Living Jazz created Jazz Camp West in 1984, the Oakland Interfaith Gospel Choir in 1986, Jazz Camp Weekend and the Oakland Jazz Choir in 1992, “In the Name of Love” in 2002, the Living Jazz Children’s Project in

2005, Jam Camp West for youth ages 10-15 in 2008, and Jazz Search West, the Bay Area's Jazz Talent Search in 2010.

What: Dr. Noha Aboelata to Receive Oakland Citizen Humanitarian Award at “In the Name of Love”, the 19th-annual Musical Tribute honoring Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

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Where: Online – www.livingjazz.org/mlktribute

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