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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 81078 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PAT KERNIGHAN

RESOLUTION COMMENDING PROTECTION & ADVOCACY, INC. ON ITS THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF PROVIDING SERVICES TO PEOPLE WITH DISABILITIES AND ON THE ORGANIZATION'S NAME CHANGE TO DISABILITY RIGHTS CALIFORNIA TO BETTER REFLECT THE AGENCY'S MISSION AND PROVIDE GREATER NAME RECOGNITION TO PEOPLE WHO MAY BENEFIT FROM THEIR SERVICES

WHEREAS, Protection & Advocacy, Inc. ("PAI") is a nonprofit disability rights organization that works with Californians with disabilities to advance, advocate for and protect their human rights; and

WHEREAS, PAI's vision is to help create a barrier-free, inclusive world that values diversity, culture and each individual, and ensures people with disabilities enjoy equality, dignity, power, freedom of choice and independence; and

WHEREAS, PAI operates four legal offices and several satellite offices in California, including its Bay Area Legal Office at 1330 Broadway in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, PAI's services for persons with disabilities include: (1) providing information and referrals to individuals with disabilities who may not know their rights; (2) advocating for change in laws, regulations, and public policy; (3) filing lawsuits on behalf of individuals or groups; (4) supporting peer and self-advocacy groups; (5) investigating charges of abuse, sexual assault, improper seclusion or restraint, or neglect; (6) defending students' rights in special education; (7) expanding community living options and access to housing; (8) implementing employment rights; (9) expanding access for voters with disabilities; and (10) providing training and outreach, including in ethnic and language-distinct communities; and

WHEREAS, PAI strives to ensure that advocacy services reflect the languages and ethnic diversity of California by, among other things, employing multicultural and bi-lingual advocates to develop outreach and training to underserved communities; and

WHEREAS, PAI has provided services since 1978, including serving 24,246 Californians with disabilities in 2006 alone; and

WHEREAS, this year, PAI celebrates its 30th Anniversary of providing services to persons with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, in conjunction with its celebration, PAI is changing its name to Disability Rights California, to better reflect its mission and name recognition among persons who might benefit from its services; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland appreciates and supports PAI's mission of providing services to persons with disabilities; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland commends PAI on its 30th Anniversary of providing services to people with disabilities, and on the organization's change of name to Disability Rights California

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, **MAR 4 2008**

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID,
CHANG, AND PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of
the City of Oakland, California