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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Kalb

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING VERTIS WHITAKER FOR SERVING THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY AS THE BEAT 10Y NCPC CHAIR FOR OVER 15 YEARS

WHEREAS, Vertis Whitaker has served as the Chair of the Beat 10Y Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council (NCPC) for over 15 years; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Whitaker has worked with North Oakland residents on a regular basis to get involved and take back neighborhoods from individuals involved in criminal and/or nuisance activity; and

WHEREAS, Vertis is known as a take-charge type of person who will stand on the corner with a local drug dealer and ask what benefit it serves the community to have him sell his product, and she will meet with a problem property owner and ask him/her to clean up the mess or the community will do it for them; and

WHEREAS, Vertis believes residents should let their voices be heard and has worked tirelessly to make sure they are; and

WHEREAS, Under Vertis' tenure as NCPC chair she helped make sure that a property at 52nd Street and Market, where an open air drug market existed and multiple homicides occurred, was rehabbed and the problematic tenants were removed; and

WHEREAS, Vertis helped facilitate the adoption of a park, where drug dealing was running rampant, by a local church that helped to clean it up; and

WHEREAS, Neighborhoods in her beat that once had motor homes parked on almost every street have seen a drastic reduction, with the number going from 23 in a 10-block radius to 5; and

WHEREAS, Vertis has now ended her distinguished tenure as NCPC chair, leaving the next batch of community leaders to fill some big shoes; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council commends and thanks Vertis Whitaker, former chair of the Beat 10Y Neighborhood Crime Prevention Council, for her many years of committed service to crime prevention and public safety in North Oakland and the greater Oakland community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2013

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON McELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and
PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California