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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. ELDRIDGE M. PERSONS FOR THIRTY-SIX (36) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons has provided over thirty-six (36) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, an Oakland native, began his career with the City of Oakland in April 1972, as a Semi-Skilled Laborer under the "Equal Employment Act", and;

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, was promoted to the position of Truck Driver in 1979, which allowed him the unique opportunity to mix with the community, get to know the residents and business owners, and get first hand insight to Oakland's "gateway"; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, was promoted to the position of Street Maintenance Leader in 1981, and was responsible for overseeing the concrete and drainage crews. He also simultaneously managed the Heavy Paving crew while collectively being responsible for continuous maintenance and upgrade initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor I in 1984. This capacity allowed him the opportunity to oversee many crews of highly skilled employees. His supervisory techniques allowed him to create a cohesive group of highly skilled employees that were able to execute any set of tasks presented to them. He successfully executed projects in Traffic Maintenance in collaboration with Traffic Painters, Sign Maintenance Workers and Parking Meter Repair team members.

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, was promoted to the position of Senior Public Works Supervisor in 1988. In 1989, Eldridge Persons was responsible for management and revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. He was endorsed by the senior leadership team and acknowledged for his overall contributions to the City of Oakland. This position allowed him to utilize his creative and interpersonal skills to add value to the City where he works and live; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Eldridge M. Persons was in the lead role of directing initiatives to restore order to impacted areas following the Oakland Hills Fire; and

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, Eldridge M. Persons managed the El Nino recovery and restoration initiatives; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, has been the Senior Supervisor over the Storm Drain Maintenance Division since 1998. He was responsible for the maintenance of all city inlets, installation of drainage materials, mudslides within the hill area, and overall storm related issues. Due to his abilities to deliver quality outcomes, Mr. Persons was once again called upon to manage two divisions simultaneously, the Sewer Maintenance and Storm Drain Maintenance Division for over six months. Eldridge Persons has overseen, multiple divisions throughout our reorganization efforts, District 3, District 4, and was appointed to oversee the Heavy Paving crew for four months, which included increasing asphalt production; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons, was responsible for the conversion of 11th and 12th streets to one-way streets, surveyed city streets for the new Street Sweeping Program to identify streets where street sweeping signs were to be installed. During his involvement with the Traffic Maintenance Division he completed the Duncan Parking Meter Repair School; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons has been the key person within the Public Works Agency to consult on maintenance issues, employee issues, catastrophic issues, reorganization efforts, and has been the Public Works Agency's resident "expert" on all maintenance issues; and

WHEREAS, Eldridge M. Persons will take fond memories with him and enjoy his retirement with his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Eldridge M. Persons for his outstanding service and may contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulation on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Eldridge M. Persons for 36 years of dedicated service, hard work, and professionalism to the City of Oakland and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering sincere appreciation. His service, knowledge and skills will be greatly missed.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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