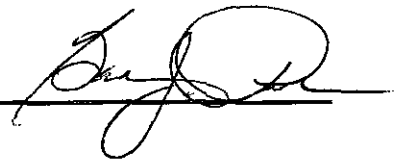


OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

OFFICE OF THE CLERK OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER JEAN QUAN



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SUNSHINE WEEK - OPEN GOVERNMENT
March 12-18, 2006

WHEREAS, Open Government is now a fundamental constitutional right, ensuring the survival of our democracy by the public's active participation in all levels of government, and

WHEREAS, Open Government involves the public's right and responsibility to be informed and heard by requiring that officials make decisions openly, provide broadly publicized, convenient opportunities for participation by the public in the governmental process, and make public records accessible, and

WHEREAS, the seven Leagues of Women Voters in Alameda County are participating in this national event by holding a local East Bay Forum on Open Government on March 17, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the San Lorenzo Village Community Hall, and

WHEREAS, this forum will assist government officials, their staffs and commission members in understanding the current laws related to transparent decision making in government and the citizen's right to know, and

WHEREAS, the Oakland League of Women Voters in particular has been a leader in this effort to insure Open Government within Oakland and the East Bay, be it therefore

RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland will ensure that it will abide by the letter and intent of the Ralph M. Brown Act to ensure public access to meetings, and will further ensure that it will abide by the letter and intent of the California Public Records Act by ensuring the public's access to government documents, and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland commends the League of Women Voters, and above all the Oakland League of Women Voters for promoting Sunshine Week on a national, state and local level, and especially the San Lorenzo Forum, to raise awareness and stimulate public discussion about why Open Government is important to everyone.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-



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ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California