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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.
INTRODUCED BY PRESIDENT LARRY E. REID

**RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEM IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE FOR
TWENTY YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND AS A
DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente was first elected to the Oakland City Council as Councilmember, District 5 in 1992; and having served all the citizens of Oakland for twenty years is retiring from the Oakland City Council on January 7, 2013, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente has provided exceptional leadership on the Oakland City Council by serving as council's first-ever Council President, elected by his peers five consecutive terms for ten years, while serving on multiple committees on the Council, serving as the Chair of Community and Economic Development Committee; Chair of the Finance and Management Committee; Co-Chair of the Oakland - Alameda County Coliseum Joint Powers Authority, overseeing the City's Coliseum-Arena complex and three professional sports franchises; while also serving on many other local and regional commissions since 1992, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente has been the point person for the city's efforts at both downtown and neighborhood revitalization; while leading the efforts to revitalize many key projects downtown including the historical Fox Theater and the development of Uptown Oakland, which has led to the continued revitalization of Downtown Oakland, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente, during his twenty years as The Elected Official of District 5, was instrumental in the development and completion of the Fruitvale Transit Village, a success national model; while being credited with the revitalization of Fruitvale's International Boulevard shopping area, decreasing its vacancy rate from 40% to nearly 0%; while leading the efforts to build two new public schools and ball fields where a large, abandoned building once stood in the Fruitvale Area, which include, the Cesar Chavez Education Center and Ascend School; while also leading the efforts to build and revitalize multiple neighborhood parks in the Fruitvale such as Josie De La Cruz, Union Point Park, and Cesar Chavez, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente has served the citizens of Oakland for twenty years by leading many city-wide efforts including his school safety initiative and his Decent Housing Task Force's "Dirty Dozen landlords" campaign, and has also led innovative crime reduction efforts, including creating the Public Nuisance Case Manager position to go after problem properties; the Nuisance Eviction Ordinance to allow the city to evict drug dealers from problem properties; and authored anti-predatory lending legislation and smart-growth big box regulations replicated in other cities, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuentes's proudest accomplishments is authorship of the City's Hire Oakland policies that expand employment and small business opportunities for Oakland residents and the City's Equal Access policy – the first of its kind in the country – that provides Oakland's diverse population with multi-lingual information about city services, and;

WHEREAS, President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuentes has served on the Oakland City Council since 1992, where he has made public safety a top priority leading initiatives for traffic and

pedestrian safety, dealing with nuisance properties and liquor stores, illegal dumping and litter, and emergency preparedness; now therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council commends Councilmember President Pro Tem Ignacio De La Fuente for twenty years of exemplary service and commitment to the people of Oakland; for all his great achievements and contributions towards the betterment of the communities of District 5 and the City of Oakland; and urges the support and participation of all citizens and residents in honoring him as he retires from the Oakland City Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, BRUNNER,
AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES

AYES

ABSTAIN

ATTEST:

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