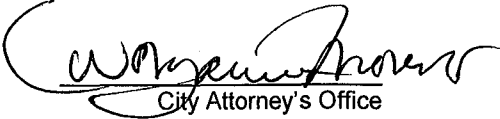


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

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**RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMEMBER ABEL GUILLÉN FOR HIS FOUR YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF OAKLAND AS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

**WHEREAS**, Abel Guillén has served as the Council President Pro Tempore since January 2016 and has been the esteemed City Councilmember for District 2 since 2015; and

**WHEREAS**, as a councilmember, Abel chaired the Council's Finance and Management Committee, in addition to serving as a member of the Public Works Committee, Public Safety Committee and Rules and Legislation Committee; and

**WHEREAS**, before his election to the Oakland City Council in November 2014, Abel served as President of the Board of Trustees of the Peralta Community College District. As Trustee for eight years, he secured more than \$20 million for career education and green-jobs training and raised more than \$50,000 for scholarships for students from underserved communities. Along with delivering eight consecutive balanced budgets, he reformed the Peralta Colleges' fiscal management to eliminate bureaucratic waste and successfully implemented measures to increase public accountability and transparency; and

**WHEREAS**, an experienced finance professional, Abel also served as vice president of a public-finance consulting firm, where he helped raise more than \$3 billion for classroom and school safety upgrades, repairs and improvements for public schools and community colleges throughout California; and

**WHEREAS**, Abel Guillén grew up in San Francisco's Mission District, a product of local public schools. The son of a hotel worker and a cook, Abel went on to become the first person in his family to graduate from college. He earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from UC Berkeley in 1997 and a master's degree in public policy from the Goldman School in 2001; and

**WHEREAS**, while at Cal, Abel was a student leader active as a CalServe senator and at the Raza Recruitment and Retention Center. He worked with student groups to change the name of the campus' GBC Student Center to the César Chávez Center in honor of the great civil rights and labor leader. Upon his graduation, he received the Kenneth Priestly Award for his outstanding student leadership and contributions to student welfare; now, therefore, be it:

**RESOLVED:** That Mayor Libby Schaaf and the Oakland City Council commend Councilmember Abel Guillén for his four years of exemplary service and commitment to the people of Oakland; for all of his great achievements and contributions towards the betterment of the communities of District 2 and the City of Oakland; and urge the support and participation of all citizens and residents in honoring him as he completes his term on the Oakland City Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN,  
AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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