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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS TREVA REID AND LOREN TAYLOR

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**RESOLUTION HONORING REGINA JACKSON ON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE EAST OAKLAND YOUTH DEVELOPMENT CENTER (EOYDC) WITH AN EXCEPTIONAL 27 YEAR LEGACY OF LEADERSHIP AND RECOGNIZING HER TIRELESS COMMITMENT TO YOUTH AND FAMILIES IN AND BEYOND EAST OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Regina Jackson was raised in Oakland and graduated from the University of California, Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, Regina earned a Certificate in Executive Education from Harvard University in 2009 and served as a Fellow with both The Center for Leadership Innovation (2013-2014) and the Bank of America Neighborhood Builders Leadership Program (2014); and

**WHEREAS**, Regina has had a tremendous impact on the lives of countless youth and families through her 27 years of service as President & CEO of the East Oakland Youth Development Center (EOYDC)—a nonprofit organization in the heart of East Oakland dedicated to developing the social and leadership capacities of youth and young adults (ages 5-24) so they are prepared for employment, higher education, and leadership opportunities; and

**WHEREAS**, Regina has been a brilliant innovator and mentor to countless community leaders and youth. In fact, through her innovative cascading mentorship approach, hundreds of EOYDC alumni have gone into service-oriented careers, and ~70% of EOYDC's current staff are EOYDC alumni, including the organization's newly appointed Chief Executive Officer and Chief Program Officer; and

**WHEREAS**, through her marvelous leadership and vision for our youth, Regina successfully raised \$11.5M of capital campaign funds over a 3-year period, simultaneously maintaining a wide range of high-quality programming at no cost to the low-income families EOYDC serves. Since then, she has successfully doubled the organization's size and has launched multiple pilot programs. EOYDC is now recognized as a national model for youth development with national and global impact; and

**WHEREAS**, Regina’s passion for youth advocacy and her commendable work with EOYDC was recognized and was selected for the 2017-2020 Robert Wood Johnson Foundation (RWJF) Interdisciplinary Research Leaders Fellowship. This initiative brought together 15 teams consisting of community leaders and expert researchers from across the country working collaboratively to address persistent health challenges affecting their communities. The findings from this research have been leveraged to develop a best practice model for replication across the country; and

**WHEREAS**, her vast experience in youth development has built her to be a widely sought-after subject matter expert. Regina is an incredible thought leader across the globe and shares her wisdom through forums such as TEDx Talks, the Congressional Caucus on Men & Boys of Color, National Forum for Black Administrators, and National Organization for Blacks in Criminal Justice. The International Diplomacy Council has sought Regina’s expertise to counsel agencies in Indonesia, China, Brazil, Mexico, and Nigeria. In support of President Obama’s 100,000 Strong and My Brother’s Keeper initiatives, Regina led two delegations of youth to China on a cross cultural exchange; and

**WHEREAS**, Regina’s dedication and extended service to our youth has led her to serve as an Advisory Member at the African American Female Excellence Initiative for the Oakland Unified School District; and

**WHEREAS**, Regina has helped to ensure public safety and justice in our City and serves as the Chair for the Oakland Police Commission; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That we, the City Council of Oakland, California, hereby recognize Regina Jackson’s significant service and contributions to the City of Oakland and globally and the positive impact of her exceptional 27 years of service and the legacy of her incredible work.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California