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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PATRICIA KERNIGHAN

A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE FIRST GRADUATING CLASS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND'S OAKLAND MUNICIPAL ACADEMY

WHEREAS, this Fall 2010 the Oakland Municipal Academy of the City Administrator's Office is celebrating its first graduating class; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Municipal Academy, formerly known as the Citizens' Academy, was founded by the Equal Access Office under the City of Oakland's City Administrator's Office in the Summer of 2010; and

WHEREAS, the Oakland Municipal Academy (OMA) is an innovative program for civic engagement, which educates and trains a diversity of residents in the functions of local government, and in civic and political issues in order to foster broader resident participation; and

WHEREAS, the OMA offers a variety of practical and strategic approaches to effectively train and involve a broad representation of city residents in City government; and

WHEREAS, the OMA actively trains, supervises and recruits both English-speaking and bilingual volunteers to assist with the City of Oakland's departmental functions and administrative needs; and

WHEREAS, the OMA supports activities and events where members are taught leadership and project management skills to help improve the community and address its concerns; and

WHEREAS, the OMA graduates include government and non-profit staff, and community volunteer members, as well as adults of all ages; and

WHEREAS, the OMA graduates will serve as community liaisons, resource leaders and educators for the City of Oakland's government services and programs; and

WHEREAS, the OMA graduates will provide a direct channel for constituents to learn about how the City of Oakland operates, particularly its decision-making processes and general policies; and

WHEREAS, the OMA graduates will participate in disaster preparedness outreach and education, in City promotions and service referrals, and at events such as street festivals, community clean-ups, crime prevention activities, holiday programs and community meetings; and

WHEREAS, the OMA graduates have successfully passed rigorous presentation evaluations, and participated in forty-five hours of training by staff of various departments; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council hereby honors and recognizes the graduates of the City of Oakland's First Oakland Municipal Academy on this day, Tuesday, November 16, 2010.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2010

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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