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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

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**A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING LYNETTE JUNG LEE
FOR 33 YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO EAST BAY ASIAN LOCAL
DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION AND THE OAKLAND COMMUNITY**

WHEREAS For the past 33 years, Lynette Jung Lee has dedicated her life to building vibrant neighborhoods and serving the people of Oakland and the East Bay community. As the Executive Director of the East Bay Asian Local Development Corporation (EBALDC), Lynette grew the organization from a staff of 6 to 85, and it is now one of the region's leading nonprofit housing organizations; and

WHEREAS Lynette will be retiring at the end of October 2009; and

WHEREAS Lynette's service started in the early 1970s when she moved from Hawaii to teach gang members at an alternative high school in Oakland Chinatown run by East Bay Asians for Community Action (EBACA). She joined EBALDC to promote its vision for the Oakland Asian community and to prevent the displacement of tenants at the I-Hotel in San Francisco, first as a board member and then as staff. Lynette worked with other young leaders to purchase and renovate a historic, deteriorating warehouse in Chinatown establishing it as the Asian Resource Center to house community agencies, medical services, retail businesses, and an art gallery; and

WHEREAS Lynette's legacy are her work in community economic development and on behalf of diverse people and communities across the country; and

WHEREAS Under her visionary leadership, EBALDC has assisted thousands of low income individuals, youth, seniors, and families, providing them with 1,406 units of quality, affordable housing and comprehensive services in well-maintained, beautiful urban village developments that promote resident pride and revitalize neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS EBALDC has empowered 1164 East Bay residents with the knowledge, skills, resources, and tools needed to overcome poverty and become more self-sufficient through EBALDC's Individual Development Account and Homeownership programs. These individuals have saved a combined total of \$2,070,381 which was matched with \$1,858,243 by EBALDC; and

WHEREAS EBALDC has created jobs for its tenants through its property management services. EBALDC has helped these tenants establish career paths with real opportunities for professional growth.

WHEREAS Lynette's passion, enthusiasm, love and energy for Oakland have positively impacted Oakland and the greater East Bay, and will be dearly missed by the communities she has served so well;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council hereby honor Lynette Jung Lee on behalf of the citizens of Oakland on this day, Tuesday, September 22, 2009.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2009

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