

  
CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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

INTRODUCED BY CITY ADMINISTRATOR  
EDWARD D. REISKIN

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### **Resolution Honoring Dr. Jason Mitchell for his 12 Years of Exemplary Service to the City of Oakland**

**WHEREAS**, born and raised in Oakland, Dr. Jason Mitchell dedicated the last 12 years to the City of Oakland, serving in various roles in various departments, culminating in his current role as Assistant City Administrator; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason has established himself as one of the most capable, effective, productive members of the City family; and

**WHEREAS**, his unique ability to connect with people at all levels and all walks of life, combined with his Oakland roots, rich experience, razor-sharp intellect, and keen strategic mind have rendered him invaluable throughout his City career, and particularly in his current role; and

**WHEREAS**, as Assistant City Administrator, he manages over 2,500 employees including the departments of Public Works; Transportation; Planning & Building; Library; Parks, Recreation & Youth Development; Human Services; Workforce Employment Services; and Oak311; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason also supports the City in all budgetary and labor discussions including assistance with the City's \$1.7 billion operating and capital improvement budget; and

**WHEREAS**, before joining the City Administrator's Office, his tenure spanned eight years in the Public Works Department as the Director, Assistant Director, and Departmental Administrative Officer, and three years as Administrative Services Manager within the Oakland Parks, Recreation & Youth Development Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason possesses 20+ years of progressive experience in private and public sector operations, strategic capital planning, budgeting, forecasting, resource management, labor relations, community development, and fiscal management; and

**WHEREAS**, he brought to the City his extensive operational experience in implementing process improvement projects and best practices, coupled with expertise as a public sector administrative and policy leader; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason has assisted with implementing Oakland's Zero Waste initiative and ensuring an estimated 55% diversion rates in commercial and multi-family organics in 2020. Under Jason's leadership, in coordination with Waste Management, Oakland onboarded a new Mixed Materials Processing Facility, which will add 300 tons per day of Diversion and a world-class facility that is one of a kind; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason also initiated a master plan for Oakland Sewer and Storm Infrastructure to better plan for capital needs and best practices surrounding the maintenance of these assets to ensure stable rates for ratepayers. Under his leadership, he has met and exceeded all aspects of the City's Sewer Consent decree to include a significant reduction in inflow and infiltration targets; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason was instrumental in addressing blight activities in Oakland including the "Oaktown PROUD" campaign that brings awareness to illegal dumping and the Student Ambassador program that hires high school seniors to advocate with their peer groups concerning the impacts of litter and illegal dumping on the environment; and

**WHEREAS**, recently he led the City's Reimagining Permitting Initiative to create a one-stop, multi-departmental permitting center to increase efficiencies, create advanced analytics, and provide improved customer experience; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason has passionately advocated for education in all realms. To that end, he has obtained a doctoral degree in Organization Leadership from the School of Education and a master's degree in Business Administration (MBA) from the University of San Francisco, and an undergraduate degree with a concentration in Finance from California State University Eastbay; and

**WHEREAS**, he is a member of the International City/County Management Association (ICMA), American Public Works Association (APWA), and National Forum for Black Public Administrators (NFBPA); and

**WHEREAS**, his colleagues recognize that through his talent and inspirational leadership, his candor and his expertise, he has demonstrated his ability to be a humble public servant; and

**WHEREAS**, he once demonstrated courageous leadership by volunteering to sit in a dunk tank at a staff appreciation event; and

**WHEREAS**, Jason has made meaningful contributions to the City of Oakland, and his departure from the City family will leave a huge void; and

**WHEREAS**, while the City family will certainly miss him, he leaves a significant and positive legacy behind him; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council recognizes Jason's significant contributions to the City of Oakland and declares April 20, 2021 Jason Mitchell Day.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

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

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