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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Margaret Fujita
City Attorney

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MELANIE FONG FOR OVER TWENTY YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland is committed to the delivery of effective, courteous, and responsive services, and is a place where all citizens and employees are treated with fairness, dignity and respect; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Fong, throughout her over 20 years of service to the City, has promoted Oakland's mission and inspired others with her initiative, dedication, and commitment to improve the quality of life for the citizens of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, in November 1982, Ms. Fong began her career with the City at the Oakland Police Department, Planning Division, where she performed administrative, financial and legislative research and analysis in support of department operations and service to the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Ms. Fong joined the Office of Personnel Resource Management as a key member of the project team charged with restructuring the City's job classification and compensation system which resulted in improvements to the City's personnel policies and practices; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Melanie Fong accepted the Office of Parks and Recreation's (OPR) offer to lead its Projects, Grants and Planning Unit; obtained and administered funding from federal, state, local, special district and private sources; managed the OPR capital improvement program which successfully developed and or improved recreation centers, swimming pools, ball fields, tennis courts and parks, as well as City historic facilities and themed parks done in conjunction with the managing non-profit affiliates; and directed special initiatives and programs that increased the department's ability to provide quality services to children, youth, adults and families; and

WHEREAS, in 1996 with the establishment of the Life Enrichment Agency, Melanie Fong became assistant to the Agency Director and principal staff liaison to the Agency's departments, providing administrative, policy and operational support to the Office of Parks and Recreation, Department of Human Services, Oakland Public Library and Oakland Museum of California; and

WHEREAS, in 2002, Ms. Fong joined the City Manager's Office where she undertook a variety of special projects, and continued to provide staff support for the City Council Life Enrichment Committee and the Education Partnership Committee; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Fong has ably served as a member of the Oakland Business Tax Board of Review and Oakland Children’s Fairyland Board of Directors; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Fong has demonstrated astute analytical abilities, exceptional management skills, and a “can-do” approach to problem-solving and meeting customer needs that have improved the delivery of services to the Oakland community; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Melanie Fong’s work has reflected great enthusiasm, resourcefulness and professionalism, certain perfectionism, and a strong commitment to always do her best, and to motivate and help others to perform to higher standards, for the benefit of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fong is leaving the City of Oakland to relocate to Seattle, Washington, and will be missed by her colleagues; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the elected officials, staff and citizens of Oakland hereby express their appreciation and commend Melanie Fong for her outstanding service and contributions to the City of Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution suitably inscribed be given to Melanie Fong as a token of sincere appreciation for her dedicated service and with best wishes for her new adventures in the Pacific Northwest.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2007

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____

LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California