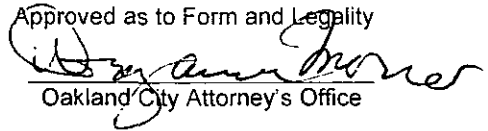


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Oakland City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Patricia Kernighan

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### RESOLUTION HONORING DARLENE JOE LEE FOR THIRTY-ONE YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee was born in 1940 in San Francisco Chinatown and grew up in Oakland Chinatown where she devoted her life to raising two daughters and working at Oakland's Parks and Recreation Centers; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee graduated from Lincoln Elementary School, Westlake Junior High School and Oakland Technical High School before graduating from San Francisco State University with an Elementary School Teaching Credential; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee taught at Searles School in Union City from 1962 to 1966, began working at F.M. Smith Center as a Tiny Tots' teacher in 1982, then moved to Dimond Recreation Center Tiny Tots' program, before making a move to the Lincoln Recreation Center in 1984 where she had remained ever since; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee has devoted her time to working with teens in the community, helping them raise funds for trips to Disneyland by selling freeze cups and passing out candies and snacks, running an evening basketball league, holding Easter egg hunts, and hosting events and celebrations to connect youth to the community; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee has taught older teens how to prepare simple worksheets, and do arts and crafts projects and origami, and has made them feel special by celebrating their birthdays; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee has supported at-risk youths and their families by attending their weddings and funerals, accompanied them to Court hearings and written to them in jail, served as a mother figure to young people and taught them how to make better decisions in life; and

**WHEREAS**, Darlene Joe Lee is a dedicated advisor to the Oakland Chinatown Oral History Project, contributing to the project's authenticity by having co-coordinated "Memories of Growing Up in Oakland, California: Lincoln School Alumni" book of photos and memories, published in 2011; and

**WHEREAS,** Darlene Joe Lee serves as the Senior Center Leader at the Chinese Presbyterian Church, helping isolated seniors living in Oakland Chinatown; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize, honor and thank Darlene Joe Lee for thirty-one years of outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_ 2012

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF, PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California