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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. **80796** C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER LARRY REID

HONORING DR. C. DIANE HOWELL ON HER COMMITMENT TO THE COMMUNITY AND CONVENING THE BLACK EXPO TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Dr. C. Diane Howell was born in Chicago, Illinois, graduated from Hyde Park High School and went on to attend Barnard College and Columbia University in New York City, where she received her B.A. in Psychology, where she shortly thereafter attended the University of California, Berkeley, where she was the first African American woman to receive a degree from the Psychology Department, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. C. Diane Howell, in 1983, was elected president of the Bay Area Association of Black Psychologists, and immediately published her first issue of Black Perspectives in 1984, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. C. Diane Howell, in 1989, had founded the Black Business Listings (BBL), where she decided to pursue her dream of becoming a full-time publisher, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. C. Diane Howell, who throughout the last 15 years, has been determined to promote African American Economic Development in every possible way, has sponsored a monthly networking breakfast (which are now free and co-sponsored by the Associated Real Property Brokers), to encourage networking among African Americans in business, has served as the local coordinator for the Black Expo USA for the 5 years it was held in Oakland, has been a renown speaker throughout the community, and has always advocated for self-empowerment of the African American community, and;

WHEREAS, Dr. C. Diane Howell decided to take full responsibility for producing the Black EXPO, after Black Expo USA took Oakland off its national schedule, and has coordinated the event since 1990, so, therefore be it;

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby expresses its appreciation and commends Dr. C. Diane Howell on behalf of the citizens of Oakland for her many contributions to the City, and be it;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be given to Dr. C. Diane Howell as an appreciation for her dedicated service, and be it further;

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland and City Administrator extend their congratulations on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Dr. C. Diane Howell for her dedicated service and improving the quality of life in our community, and join her colleagues and associates in saluting her achievements and offering their sincere appreciation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, SEPTEMBER 18, 2007

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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NOES – Θ ABSENT – Θ

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council

City of Oakland