

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL


City Attorney

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

**RESOLUTION HONORING R. CLARK GERTNER FOR HIS 24 YEARS
OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, R. Clark Gertner, a native of Ohio, did come to Oakland by his own personal choice and began his service to the City as a Building Inspector in 1983; and

WHEREAS, Clark promoted through the ranks of building inspection in the City and was appointed as Inspection Counter Supervisor in 1986 and then appointed Field Inspection Supervisor in 1990; and

WHEREAS, Following the Loma Prieta earthquake in October 1989, Clark was the Acting Building Official and did manage the Operations Center for earthquake recovery, directing the deployment of inspection teams throughout the City, posting 1200 dangerous buildings and tenant evacuations, followed by the permit issuance and subsequent inspection of the upgrade of 1200 structures; and

WHEREAS, Clark was instrumental in the design of the current Permit Tracking System, developed in 1986, which provides a record of all Oakland properties; and

WHEREAS, From 1990 until 2007, Clark did represent the City of Oakland, with distinction, as the Class A member of The California Building Officials, the International Conference of Building Officials, and the International Code Congress, serving on numerous Code Development Committees and holding the offices of Secretary, Treasurer, Vice-President, and President; and

WHEREAS, In 1991, Clark did manage the Operations Center for the Oakland Hills Fire recovery effort, meticulously documenting the destruction of over 2500 single-family dwellings and more than 900 apartments, thereby ensuring the timely receipt of insurance company payments and FEMA assistance to those Oakland residents who lost their homes; and

WHEREAS, After the Oakland Hills Fire, Clark was instrumental in writing an amendment to the Oakland Municipal Code regulating development and construction in the Fire Damaged Area to ensure that Oakland would never again experience such devastation, and he did co-author the

1997 Urban-Wildland Interface Code, the first-ever national code to regulate construction in areas similar to the Oakland Hills; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, Clark wrote the City of Oakland Security Bar Ordinance, 11989 CMS, and did serve on the Office of the State Fire Marshal Committee which developed the State-adopted standard for security bar release mechanisms, as well as the California Senate Committee, chaired by Senator Barbara Boxer, which studied the effects of window bars on fire fatalities; and

WHEREAS, R. Clark Gertner's unwavering pursuit of excellence, customer service, and public safety has engendered the admiration of the community, his colleagues and staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator do hereby commend R. Clark Gertner for his twenty four years of incomparable commitment to excellence and distinguished public service and contributions to the Oakland community; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be presented to R. Clark Gertner with the compliments of the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator as a token of their appreciation and high esteem, and with best wishes for a well deserved retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

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