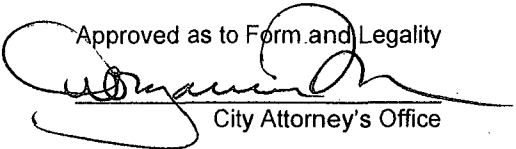


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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR CAMPBELL WASHINGTON,
COUNCILMEMBER GIBSON MCELHANEY AND COUNCILMEMBER KALB

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING GERRY GARZÓN ON HIS RETIREMENT FOR 18 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND LIBRARY SERVICES

WHEREAS, Gerry Garzón has been a Librarian since 1978 and 2018 marks his 40-year anniversary as a Librarian; and

WHEREAS, Gerry Garzón began his career with the City of Oakland and the Oakland Public Library (OPL) as an Administrative Librarian of the Main Library, and the Library's Technical and Computer Services in February 2000; and

WHEREAS, He should have been suspicious since one of his first assignments was to get the public elevator up and running at the Main Library when he was brought on board; and

WHEREAS, Gerry danced his way through the Main Library's Lobby and Reading area at its 50th Anniversary, which was also his 50th Birthday; and

WHEREAS, In 2002, he launched the Oakland Public Library on its Master Facilities Planning process, completed in 2006, that, in many ways, still guides OPL; and

WHEREAS, Due to the creation of the Master Facilities Plan, OPL was able to identify the need for Library services in East Oakland, and successfully received State and private funding for the 81st Avenue Library; and

WHEREAS, Additionally, the Master Facilities Plan identified the need for Library services in the Hoover and San Antonio areas, which today, are still very much in play; and

WHEREAS, During Gerry's tenure, OPL staff initiated a new model of service that includes several initiatives based on the concept of "people over things" and reducing barriers to service, as well as looking outward into our community; and

WHEREAS, This model of service has resulted in elimination of fines for youth under 18 years of age and is looking further into elimination of fines altogether; as well as the creation of the popular Bike Library at events throughout the City, and the soon-to-be revealed Pop-Up Mobile Library – the MOVE; and

WHEREAS, Under the new model of service, staff have experimented with new partnerships such as Nerd Night at the New Parkway Theater, the Scraper Bike movement and The Shed at the Martin Luther King, Jr. Library, National Night Out hosted at 11 Oakland Public Libraries each year, annual participation at Oakland Pride and Pedalfest, and Social workers in the Libraries; and

WHEREAS, The Oakland Unified School District and the Oakland Public Library have partnered on a joint public library card to make library services easier to access for Oakland students; and

WHEREAS, With the passage by the Oakland City Council of the Library parcel tax measure for the June 5, 2018 ballot, this was the final goal of his strategic plan; and

WHEREAS, Gerry Garzón's appreciation of so many people who have contributed to his success, both in and outside the City of Oakland, have made his 18 years with OPL enjoyable; and

WHEREAS, Gerry always has enjoyed several good cups of java, which people have attributed to why he works so doggedly; and

WHEREAS, Gerry's sense of humor and laughter - which has always been heard out in the hallway - will be missed; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council hereby recognizes and congratulates Gerry Garzón upon his retirement from the City of Oakland Library Services for 18 years of dedicated service to the residents of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES –BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLÉN, KALB,
KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California