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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION NO. _____ C. M. S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER PRESIDENT IGNACIO DE LA FUENTE

A CEREMONIAL RESOLUTION HONORING ALEX ZERMEÑO UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE UNITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño was raised in Salinas, California and graduated from Salinas High School in 1955, received a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology from San Jose State in 1960, and a Master's of Public Administration from the John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University in 1975; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño served as Deputy Director of the National Council of La Raza, the largest Latino advocacy group in the United States, opening and staffing the Washington, D.C. office in 1970; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño joined BART in 1976, becoming manager of the Training and Development Department managing organizational development training; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño's involvement with the Latino movement began with the Community Service Organization (The Unity Council's forerunner) when he was still a teenager; and

WHEREAS, During his time with The Unity Council, Alex Zermeño led the growth of this cutting-edge community development corporation; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño served as Chairman of the Board of The Unity Council for 15 years, was one of the founding members, and one of the first Co-Chairs of the organization; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño served as President for twelve of his thirteen year tenure; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño was instrumental in the creation of one of the most respected community organizations in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Very few individuals have the breadth of community-based experience as Alex Zermeño; and

WHEREAS, Alex Zermeño was appointed to the Human Rights Commission of Contra Costa County in 1992, was one of the founders of the Hispanic Leadership Development Committee of United Way of the Bay Area in 1983, was a founder and co-chair of the Bay Area Latino Non-Profit Association, a member of the Civil Rights Network, and a volunteer for the Chicano Latino Youth Leadership Project, Inc; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED, the City Council does hereby congratulate and honor Alex Zermeño upon his retirement from The Unity Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____,

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