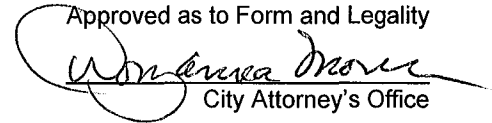


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER KALB AND VICE MAYOR CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND HONORING ALL MEMBERS OF THE OAKLAND WILDFIRE PREVENTION ASSESSMENT DISTRICT (WPAD) ADVISORY COMMITTEE FOR THEIR DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE RESIDENTS OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND SINCE 2004**

**WHEREAS**, on October 20, 1991 a firestorm ravaged the Oakland Hills, claiming 25 lives, and destroying more than 3,500 homes; and

**WHEREAS**, the Oakland Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD) was formed by a ballot measure in 2003 by the city to help prevent wildfires in the Oakland Hills; and

**WHEREAS**, the residents of the Oakland Hills High Fire Severity Zone approved a 10-year assessment starting in 2004 to fund goat grazing, road-side clearance and other vegetation management efforts on 1400 acres of city parcels within the Wildfire Prevention Assessment District (WPAD); and

**WHEREAS**, the approved ballot measure called for the formation of the WPAD Citizens Advisory Committee to oversee budget and expenditures of WPAD funds; and

**WHEREAS**, for the last fourteen years a group of dedicated volunteers represented the Hills communities by managing the assessment district, which includes the wooded areas throughout the Oakland Hills from the border with Berkeley to the border with San Leandro; and

**WHEREAS**, the volunteer board leaders for the District managed approximately \$1.7 million annually to ensure vegetation management of city owned properties, including roadside clearing, yearly goat grazing, the roving fire patrols on high-fire danger days, public education and outreach, and roadside chipping ; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 13 years, 38 residents served as volunteer members of the WPAD Citizen's Advisory Committee, sharing their professional and community-based expertise as fire fighters, project managers, park stewards, and wildfire prevention advocates in advising the Oakland Fire Department's Vegetation Management Unit on policy priorities and effective and efficient use of WPAD funds to reduce the risk of the spread of fires on City parcels and open spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, in addition to managing the WPAD funds, these volunteers continuously and tirelessly advocated for effective fire prevention measures on behalf of Oakland residents within the city; and

**WHEREAS**, all WPAD funding will be exhausted or encumbered as of June 30, 2017;  
and

**WHEREAS**, the WPAD Advisory Committee's last official business meeting is June 15, 2017; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City Council, the Mayor and the City of Oakland extend their sincere appreciation for the countless hours donated by the 38 volunteers of the WPAD Advisory Committee who served with passion, dedication and commitment towards reducing the risk of the spread of wildfire in the Oakland Hills, and recognize the following exemplary citizens for their many years of public service:

Lin Barron  
Dinah Benson  
Ken Benson  
Carol Berneau  
Lars Beyer  
Fred Booker  
Charles "Chuck" Bowles  
Jill Broadhurst  
Susan Burnett  
Chris Candell  
Glen Dahlbacka  
Robert Faber  
Ben Fay  
Lilah Greene  
Barbara Goldenberg  
Steven Hanson  
Diane Hill  
Carl Hackney  
Clint Johnson  
Don Johnson  
David Kessler

Sally Kilburg  
Nicholas Luby  
Martin Matarrese  
Katherine Moore  
Donald Mitchell  
Tamia Marg  
Dee McDonough  
Don Mitchell  
Mike Petouhoff  
Barry Pilger  
Gordon Piper  
Susan Piper  
Ernest Robinson  
Robert Sieben  
Ken Thames  
Mary Thiesen  
Sean Walsh  
Allene Warren  
James Williams, Sr.  
Doug Wong

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