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**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**

Resolution No. 81827 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING EARTHJUSTICE AND THE ENTIRE PROJECT TEAM INCLUDING: DESIGN AVENUES; WEST & EAST BAY CONSTRUCTION; METROPOLITAN ARCHITECTURE; CONSTRUCTIVE TECHNOLOGIES GROUP, INC; AND C & B CONSULTING ENGINEERS FOR THEIR COMMITMENT TO SUSTAINABILITY AND GREEN BUILDING AND CONGRATULATING THEM ON ATTAINING A SILVER RATING THROUGH THE US GREEN BUILDING COUNCIL'S LEADERSHIP IN ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENTAL DESIGN COMMERCIAL INTERIORS PROGRAM FOR THE EARTHJUSTICE NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS AND OAKLAND REGIONAL OFFICE.**

**WHEREAS**, on December 1, 1998, the Oakland City Council passed Resolution 74678, the Sustainable Community Development Initiative, which encouraged sustainable and green building practices for private development; and

**WHEREAS**, the US Green Building Council (USGBC) developed in 2000 the Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) rating system and this system has become the internationally accepted benchmark for high performance green buildings; and

**WHEREAS**, Earthjustice and the entire project team were committed to green building practices and in October of 2001 voluntarily began implementation of the LEED Commercial Interior Program for the Earthjustice National Headquarters and Oakland Regional Office; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team submitted documentation to the USGBC and successfully met 27 points to achieve a LEED Silver rating for Commercial Interiors in 2004, becoming the first building in Oakland to achieve LEED certification; and

**WHEREAS**, Earthjustice achieved this rating through renovation of an office in an existing historic building near public transportation, thereby reducing construction waste and avoiding greenfield sprawl; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team installed bike storage, showers, and changing rooms thereby advancing Oakland's Transit First policy and minimizing auto use; and

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**WHEREAS**, the project team installed equipment and appliances that use less than 1.25 watts per square foot thereby saving energy; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team used readily renewable materials including flooring made of recycled car tires, carpet made from agave plants, countertops made from natural fibers, bamboo cabinets and flooring, and Forest Stewardship Council-certified wood for the doors, walls, signage and conference tables to address material resource conservation; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team installed large arched windows and skylights and used recycled glass to maximize natural lighting to occupied spaces; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team installed water saving devices to achieve a 20% reduction in their water use; and

**WHEREAS**, the project team installed a mechanical system that uses no CFCs thereby minimizing ozone depleting effects; and

**WHEREAS**, 13% of the materials used for project and 30% of the furniture and furnishings was salvaged, refurbished, or reused and two tons of metal stud and dry wall scraps were recycled thereby diverting construction waste from the landfill; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that individual interior office spaces can meet the stringent standards required to achieve LEED certification; and be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Earthjustice National Headquarters and Oakland Regional Office at 426 17<sup>th</sup> Street is an exemplary model for other commercial interior projects in the City of Oakland; and be it

**RESOLVED**, that projects located in existing historic buildings can also achieve LEED certification, and be it

**RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulations to Earthjustice and the entire project team for their outstanding achievement in attaining a LEED Silver rating for the headquarters and office; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED**, that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator commend Earthjustice and the entire project team's commitment to sustainability and green building which will enhance the comfort, health, and productivity for all occupants, reduce impacts to natural resources, minimize strain on local infrastructure and communities, and create a more livable Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, MAR 17 2009

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND  
PRESIDENT BRUNNER - 8

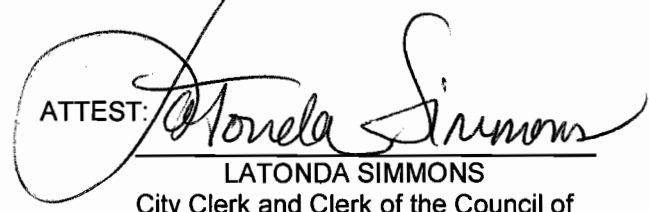
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ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of  
the City of Oakland, California