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Oakland City Attorney

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION HONORING SHARON ORGAIN FOR NEARLY 20 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Sharon Orgain retired on May 1, 2017 as a paralegal in the Office of the Oakland City Attorney after completing 19 years and 10 months, i.e., nearly 20 years of service to the Citizens and the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain served with distinction, expertise and integrity during her tenure in the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, on April 10, 1987 Ms. Orgain began her career of more than three decades as a paralegal during which she worked as a paralegal and paralegal administrator for a number of law firms and attorneys in the Bay Area, including Curtis & Arata in Modesto, attorney Brian Thiessen in Alamo and attorney Patrick Resen in San Ramon; and

WHEREAS, on July 8, 1997 Ms. Orgain joined the Office of the Oakland City Attorney as a paralegal, throughout her tenure has demonstrated her professionalism and exceptional skills in serving the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, as a paralegal in the Office of the City Attorney, Ms. Orgain handled a wide variety of assignments including drafting administrative records, reviewing contracts, supporting attorneys in litigation cases including bankruptcy litigation, and filing proofs of claims with the Bankruptcy Court on behalf of the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain also worked on projects such as the Office's Receivership Program; managed the process and negotiated settlements in "Beat Feet" cases involving arrests and citations of persons who prowled Oakland's streets to solicit prostitution, exploiting women and girls who were victims of human trafficking; served as the only paralegal for the City Attorney's former Special Prosecution Team; and researched numerous issues for the City Council, such as the feasibility of a habitat for panda bears at the Oakland Zoo; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain supported efforts of the City Attorney's Neighborhood Law Corps to improve the quality of life in the Oakland community, helped the

Neighborhood Law Corps to build and prosecute illegal dumping cases, acted as Open Government Coordinator handling Public Records Act requests, and trained and mentored many paralegal interns during her tenure; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain served as a Notary Public for the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain became a licensed realtor in 2004, assisting and serving the Office of the Oakland City Attorney in real estate cases; and

WHEREAS, in 2007, Ms. Orgain attained a degree in Enology and a Certificate in Tasting Room Management in 2011; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain recently was appointed to the Alameda County Citizens Academy representing unincorporated areas in Alameda County as well as Pleasanton; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain is currently training to become a teacher of English overseas, serving and teaching communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Orgain displayed great dedication to her colleagues, the Office of the City Attorney and the Oakland community; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland applauds and thanks Sharon Orgain for her knowledge, professionalism, equanimity under pressure, her many years of faithful service, her many contributions to the public good, and wishes her success and fulfillment in the next phase of her illustrious career.

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

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