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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. 81902 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. MANUEL VALDEZ FOR THIRTY-FOUR (34) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Manuel Valdez, an Oakland resident and an avid Pittsburgh Steelers Fan has provided over thirty-four (34) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Manuel Valdez, began his career with the City of Oakland in July 1975, as a Semi Skilled Laborer in the Public Works Agency, Maintenance Services Department, District 2 office; and

WHEREAS, in September 1989, he was promoted to the position of Street Maintenance Leader in the District 2 office where he was responsible for leading crews in the maintenance and repair of potholes, berms, concrete finishing, and undulation; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Manuel Valdez, was responsible for supervising crews during the revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Mr. Valdez worked from the City's command post located at 7101 Edgewater Drive where he dispatched complaints and his crews were utilized as first responders, as well as, assisting other outside agencies, i.e., Police and Fire, with whatever was necessary to restore order to various affected areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Manuel Valdez, was responsible for supervising crews during the Oakland Hills Firestorm restoration initiatives. He was responsible for responding to citizen complaints in a timely manner and consulting with the citizens regarding securing their properties, as well as, offering reassurance that the Public Works Agency was there for them; and

WHEREAS, in January 1993, he was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor I in the Sanitation Division and was responsible for supervising the Street Sweeper Operators. In November 1993, he was transferred to the Sewer Maintenance Division where he was supervising crews that were responsible for the inspection, cleaning, repair, and opening of clogged sewer mains for the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, Manuel Valdez, was responsible for supervising crews around the clock during El Niño recovery and restoration initiatives and responded to all citizen complaints to assist citizens with critical problems; and

WHEREAS, in February 2006, Manuel Valdez, was transferred from the Storm Drain Maintenance Division where he was responsible for the planning, and scheduling of work performed by crews for the inspection, cleaning, and repairs of the City's Storm Drain System to the Streets and Sidewalks Maintenance Division where he was responsible for supervising the concrete and carpentry crews; and

WHEREAS, Manuel Valdez, received multiple certificates, such as the FEMA Emergency Response Training in Emmittsburg, Maryland, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, Confined Space Training, Truck Driver certification, and certification for complying with Cal/OSHA rules and regulations; and

WHEREAS, Manuel Valdez, through his hard work and dedication has earned the respect of his staff, coworkers, supervisors, and managers; and

WHEREAS, Manuel Valdez, will take fond memories with him and enjoy his retirement with his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Manuel Valdez for his outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulations on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Manuel Valdez for 34 years of dedicated service, and professionalism to the City of Oakland and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering sincere appreciation. His service, knowledge and skills will be greatly missed.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
~~PRESIDENT BRUNNER~~ - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Brunner - 1

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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