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CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS

**RESOLUTION CELEBRATING PETER KIM FOR OVER 20 YEARS OF
DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Peter Kim joined the City of Oakland in 2014, as the Manager for the Oakland Unite division of the Human Services Department, which became the Department of Violence Prevention (DVP) in 2020, to lead the City's violence intervention programs; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure, Mr. Kim contributed to collective efforts towards making our city safer, healthier and more just, especially for our Black, Latino, Asian, poor and marginalized communities who are most impacted by violence; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kim continued his leadership of the City's violence intervention and prevention efforts serving as the Interim Chief of Violence Prevention from 2017 to 2019; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kim's efforts contributed to the passage of the Public Safety and Services Act of 2014 (Measure Z), securing another 10 years of dedicated funding for reducing violence; the growth of Life Coaching, Violence Interruption and Community Healing strategies in Oakland; strengthening the Ceasefire strategy's social service component to reduce gun violence; and a steady increase in focus and investment in gender-based violence prevention services; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Mr. Kim helped design a citywide, comprehensive violence prevention strategy that culminated in a historic City Council decision that increased local investment in trauma-informed, healing-oriented supportive services to those at the center of violence; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the City of Oakland, Mr. Kim served Oakland youth for 16 years while working at the East Bay Asian Youth Center (EBAYC) from 1998 to 2014, where over the years he became a Program Manager for EBAYC services directed at reducing violence in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, during his time at EBAYC, Peter Kim served as Director for the Streetside Production program where he taught justice involved youth to create professional videos and short film clips to tell their stories of survival and triumph; Mr. Kim also contributed to community efforts supporting the creation and passage of Measure Y in 2004 that began the City's specific investments in violence intervention and prevention; and

WHEREAS, in his work with the City, Mr. Kim built genuine connections with community, public sector partners, city staff, and the many brilliant, talented, and dedicated staff members who work with the DVP's funded, community-based organizations to interrupt violence, support families who have lost a loved one, wrap in services those who have harmed or are likely to be harmed by gun and gender-based violence, and launch community healing efforts; an

WHEREAS, Mr. Kim led his team with authenticity and transparency through complicated transitions, leadership changes, and the creation of a new department and brought the same values of authenticity and transparency to the work with the community-based provider network and the community; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Kim created a culture that fostered collaboration, commitment to a lifetime of learning rooted in social justice and invited the team to think more deeply, critically and beyond the boundaries of Oakland as the country witnessed civil unrest in the wake of too many black people killed by police. Say their names Breonna Taylor, George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Oscar Grant - the list goes on; and

WHEREAS, in solidarity with the national movement against police brutality and racism, Peter attended and encouraged the team to attend the student-led George Floyd Solidarity March in Oakland, California on June 1, 2020; and

WHEREAS, though work is not to be an extension of family, nevertheless Mr. Kim welcomed children of staff into the office for emergency day visits when childcare was not available, and work must go on; and before COVID-19, the little ones could hide in cubicles, nap under a desk and set-up in a conference room if space allowed; and

WHEREAS, his staff feel genuinely lucky to have worked with him and they will also miss his MC skills, and his shoe and hat game; and

WHEREAS, most importantly, he is an amazing father to Taren, Talise, and Taedyn, husband to Girlie Macalino, and son to Sun Ja and Tae-Kuen Kim, who all graciously shared Peter Kim with the City; and

WHEREAS, his every action demonstrated his deep commitment to the work, making himself available at all hours in service to the City and people most impacted by violence; and

WHEREAS, though Peter Kim was born and raised in the City of San Francisco, and his hometown pride and connections run deep, he put aside this deep love of his City to serve the Town with heart and style; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland wishes to thank Peter Kim for his leadership, courage, and commitment to the City of Oakland, both the municipal corporation and the community it serves, as well as his enduring belief in the power of community to heal and support one another during moments of crisis, and wishes Mr. Kim success in all future endeavors.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California