


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING TAMORA M. CORBIN FOR 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Public Service Representative Tamora Corbin retired on November 30, 2021 from the City of Oakland Office of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Tamora retired after completing 40 years of public service, which commenced in 1978 when Tamora joined the Social Security Administration as a Redetermination Clerk; and

WHEREAS, Tamora served the employees and residents of Oakland with dedication and highest level of integrity for 37 years after completing three years of service with the Social Security Administration; and

WHEREAS, Tamora's 37-year journey of public service with the City of Oakland government began in 1984 when Lionel J. Wilson was serving as Oakland's first Black Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Tamora's ultimate dream was to serve either in the City Attorney's Office or the Housing Department; and

WHEREAS, Tamora first position was a temporary clerk assignment at the Oakland Police Department ("OPD"), when George Hart was Chief of Police; working in the Parking and Violations Unit, processing incoming payments, and performing other functions; and

WHEREAS, after a short stint at OPD, Tamora worked as a temporary Clerk in the Payroll Division of the Department of Human Resources (when it was located on Clay Street at City Hall West Annex Building); and

WHEREAS, after about six months, Tamora was hired to fill a permanent position as an Office Aide, providing administrative support including the tasks of handwriting salary changes on cards and also manually processing paperwork for retirees; and

WHEREAS, in early 1985, Tamora transferred to the Office of General Services where Tamora dispatched City workers to various emergency sites, signed out City vehicles to City staff, assisted with payroll, answered phones for the Municipal Buildings Division, assisted in the Purchasing Department and distributed the mail; and one of the absolutely wonderful perks Tamora loved about this positions was having a personal parking space with free parking privileges; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Tamora was promoted to Intermediate Typist Clerk and Tamora's wish was granted to serve in the City Attorney's Office when then City Attorney Richard Winnie and Office Manager Rosemarie Sanchez, hired Tamora on the spot, to perform Payroll Clerk duties including processing payroll, inputting time billings, serving as backup to the Office's receptionist and Tamora's duties subsequently expanded to include assisting paralegals with Oakland Housing Authority assignments; assisting attorneys with their briefs, trial preparation and court filings; and copying large volumes of documents and sending them to the printer or preparing them for mail distribution; and

WHEREAS, Tamora had the opportunity to work for the Oakland Housing Authority after serving approximately six months in the Office of the City Attorney, but decided to remain with the Office; and

WHEREAS, during the 1990s, a Multi-Purpose Job Study was conducted, and Tamora's position was reclassified from Intermediate Typist Clerk to Office Assistant II and after a desk audit in the early 2000s, Tamora's position was reclassified to Public Service Representative; and

WHEREAS, Tamora moved to Oakland in the eighth grade, and attended Lowell Junior High School and McClymonds High School both of which are located in West Oakland; and

WHEREAS, one of the joys of Tamora's life has been working for the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Tamora enjoyed assisting members of the public with resolving issues, performing payroll and accounting duties, assisting with the agenda reports, closed session distribution, and particularly enjoyed training new staff; and

WHEREAS, Tamora expressed gratitude for the wonderful privilege and experience of working as a public servant for the Social Security Administration, the City of Oakland, working with other City employees and serving residents; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland thanks Tamora Corbin for dedication, exemplary work ethic and integrity, 37 years of service to the City of Oakland, and 40 years of public service.

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: _____

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