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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. 81787 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Nancy J. Nadel

Approved as to Form and Legality

  
City Attorney

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### RESOLUTION HONORING PATRICIA IBARRA ARREDONDO FOR THIRTY ONE YEARS OF SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER RECENT RETIREMENT

**WHEREAS**, Patricia Ibarra Arredondo has provided over thirty-one (31) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia, a native of Mexico City and raised in Oakland, CA, began her career with the City of Oakland on April 7, 1977, where her first work assignment was in the Office of Public Works, Architectural Services Division, preparing specifications for various major City construction and landscape projects such as the City Center Development, City Center Parking Structure, and numerous recreational facilities; and

**WHEREAS**, in December 1978, Patricia joined the Port of Oakland, Properties Department, where she was promoted to Senior Secretary working for the Director of Properties; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1986, Patricia transferred to the City Manager's Office, Office of Emergency Services, where she worked for four years as an exemplary employee providing the Office of Emergency Services Manager with support during the 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Patricia's knowledge of emergency preparedness helped support her community and the implementation of a Neighborhood Home Alert Group as well as coordinating Citizens of Oakland Respond to Emergencies (C.O.R.E) training in her neighborhood. She remains active today in ensuring that her community remains safe, clean, and beautiful; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1990, Patricia was offered an Executive Assistant position in the newly formed Office of Corporate Information Services (OCIS). She worked in the IT department for the next 13 years. While in the IT department she helped to establish office systems and procedures. After completing a course in Project Management at Golden Gate University, and as Project Coordinator, Patricia successfully implemented a pilot project called "Internet in the Community" that made the Internet available at various recreational centers and senior centers; and

**WHEREAS**, while in IT she decided to return to school under the City's educational opportunity program, and successfully completed her BA degree in Business Management in 1998 at St. Mary's College; and

**WHEREAS**, in January 2005, Patricia accepted the Executive Assistant to Agency Director position in the Public Works Agency, which she proudly served under Agency Director, Raul Godinez II, providing outstanding administrative support as well as customer service to the residents of Oakland and internally to all City staff, until her retirement on December 31, 2008; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2005, she served as the City-wide Coordinator for the City's Combined Charities Campaign, successfully raising \$138,000 for the program, and receiving a Certificate of Service Award by the Charitable Federations for her outstanding leadership as the City-wide Coordinate; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2007, she was honored by the Director when she received the Director's Award for successfully leading a lobby remodeling project in the Public Works Agency, in which she established a committee, was responsible for painting, purchasing new furniture and equipment, and oversaw the installation of displays that would reflect and improve the Public Works Agency image; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her career with the City, Patricia strove for excellence, forged quality relationships with all who came in contact with her, and maintained a high caliber work ethic that would make her a valuable asset to the City of Oakland; her adaptability and people skills were commendable attributes that were sought after by City management; and

**WHEREAS**, Patricia is retiring to pursue her interests in cooking, gardening, and traveling; to volunteer on projects addressing preservation of the environment; and finally to enjoy her beloved family and grandsons; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED**: that the elected officials, staff, and residents of Oakland hereby recognize Patricia Ibarra Arredondo for her outstanding service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, 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 residents of Oakland to Patricia Ibarra Arredondo for her 31 years of dedicated service the City of Oakland, and join her colleagues and associates in saluting her achievements and offering sincere appreciation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, FEB 17 2009, 20    

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

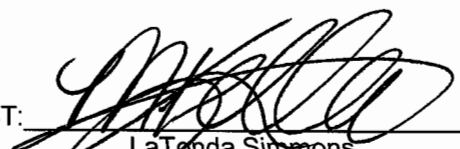
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ATTEST:



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