

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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City Attorney

14 MAY -1 AM 9:47 RESOLUTION NO. 84938 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Libby Schaaf

RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING OAKLAND'S RECORDTRAC FOR ITS 2013 GOVFRESH CIVIC APP OF THE YEAR AWARD

WHEREAS, in October 2012 the City of Oakland was selected as a Code for America program which connects forward-thinking cities with top talent from the tech industry to develop replicable civic technology; and

WHEREAS, in January 2013 the City of Oakland launched its open data portal along with the Public Ethics Commission's Transparency Project to facilitate openness and transparency in order to ensure fairness, openness, honesty, and integrity in Oakland's City government; and

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland recognized the need to digitize and improve its public records program to improve accessibility for both the public and City staff; and

WHEREAS, the three Code for America fellows developed the RecordTrac application that makes it easier for citizens to submit requests and easier for City staff to manage the fulfillment of those requests; and

WHEREAS, since RecordTrac's launch in October 2013 the City has received roughly 3,000 requests which would not have been possible without the openness and commitment of City staff; and

WHEREAS, City staff can now upload links or documents, triage requests to other departments, ask questions of a requester, explain whether or not the request's fulfillment is in paper format or online and track the request timing fulfillment; and

WHEREAS, the City's process is still developing with the help of these dedicated staff, yet the value of RecordTrac is visible as a citywide portal for searching and requesting City records, for tracking and sharing City work, for coordinating responses from multiple departments, and for observing City progress in opening up City information in new ways; and

WHEREAS, we are personally grateful for the team of leaders who worked with Code for America to put RecordTrac in place and to all City staff who have embraced the new system; and therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council recognizes RecordTrac for its 2013 Govfresh Civic App of the year award.

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IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, GALLO, GIBSON, McELHANEY, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN - 6

NOES - 0

ABSENT - GIBSON, McElaney, REID

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST: *LaTonda Simmons*
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California