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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS NOEL GALLO AND  
CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER

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### RESOLUTION HONORING AND RECOGNIZING CRYSTAL ROZA UPON HER RETIREMENT FROM THE CITY OF OAKLAND AFTER 18 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Roza was born and raised in Germany and immigrated alone to the United States in 1979, when she was 18 years old; and

**WHEREAS**, with no German speaking friends, Crystal Roza learned to speak and write English while living in the United States speaking only with Americans and studying on her own; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1934 Crystal Roza attended a Trade School in San Francisco, where after completing a 9-month program, she received her Legal Secretarial Certificate in May of 1985, and began work as a Legal Secretary at the law firm of Cannata, Genovese and Papale in San Francisco; and

**WHEREAS**, after working in the private sector for many years, Crystal Roza applied to become a legal secretary for the City of Oakland and, in September of 1997, began her career with the City of Oakland as a Legal Secretary with the City Attorney's office; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure with the City Attorney's Office, Crystal Roza served her first three years in the Litigation Division and then in the Advisory Division since 2000; and

**WHEREAS**, over the past 18 years with the City of Oakland, Crystal Roza was assigned to and assisted over 35 attorneys; she has developed a wide range of specialized legal secretarial skills and gained expertise in state and federal filing procedures and requirements that made her a valuable asset to the City; she has prepared and filed documents with the Alameda County Superior Courts, United States Federal Courts, Appeals Courts and Arbitration firms, as well as, assisted in drafting and formatting many documents including resolutions, legal opinions, legal briefs, letters to opposing counsel, Court Orders and legislation for the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Crystal Roza has always demonstrated eagerness to learn and work on diverse projects; and, she has proven herself as a valuable public servant striving to provide the best customer service possible to every person she encounters, including attorneys, City staff, and the Public with courtesy, respect and always a dazzling smile; and

**WHEREAS**, after providing a wide range of services and expertise to the City for 18 years, Crystal Roza has decided to retire from City service; now, therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council and the City Attorney, on behalf of the City of Oakland and the City staff recognize Crystal Roza for her contributions and dedication to the public good, and upon the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her service and wish her happiness, fulfillment and success as she pursues her many favorite pastimes in retirement, which are photography, travel, spending time with her lovely family and collecting dolls; and be it

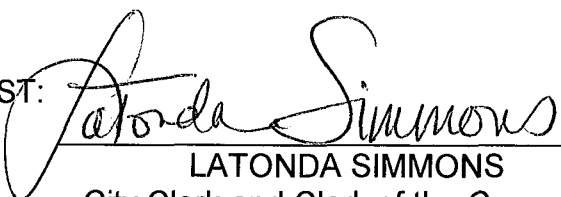
**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, shall be presented to Crystal Roza with the compliments of the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and the City Administrator, as a token of their appreciation and highest esteem.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, JUL 26 2016.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, AND PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY - 8

NOES - 0  
ABSENT - 0  
ABSTENTION - 0

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