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Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

**RESOLUTION HONORING MR. LARRY ROBINSON FOR THIRTY-FOUR
(34) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE
CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS
RETIREMENT**

WHEREAS, Larry Robinson, has provided over thirty-four (34) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Larry Robinson, began his career with the City of Oakland in February 1975 as a Semi-Skilled Laborer with the Weed Abatement Division at the Fire Station that was then located on Edes Avenue, where he was responsible for clearing vacant lots of weeds, and completing board-ups on vacant lots located throughout the City. He was also responsible for cutting trees and brush around freeways, and cleaning creeks, and water weirs; and

WHEREAS, in 1978, Larry Robinson, was transferred to the Public Works Agency, District 2, Concrete Section where he was responsible for the repair and installation of sidewalks, installation of wheelchair ramps, guardrails and curb and gutters. He was again transferred to the Parks and Recreation Department, Ranger Station located at Joaquin Miller Park, where he was responsible for planting trees, keeping the trails clear, and repairing bridges in the creek areas, supervision of court assignees, and cleaning of picnic areas at Diamond Park until he was laid off; and

WHEREAS, in 1980, Larry Robinson returned to the City as a Semi-Skilled Laborer and was assigned to the District 2, Heavy Paving Section where he was responsible for paving of the Golf Links Golf Course, and the paving of roads and streets throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Mr. Robinson was promoted to the position of Sewer Maintenance Worker in the Public Works Agency, Sewer Maintenance Division where he was responsible for the maintenance and repair of the City's sanitary sewer system; and

WHEREAS, in 1982, Larry Robinson was promoted to the position of Truck Driver in the Public Works Agency, Sanitation Division and was responsible for operating the overhead loader and in 1984, was again promoted to the position of Street Maintenance Leader, and returned to the District 2, Concrete Section; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Larry Robinson was promoted to the position of Sewer Maintenance Leader and was responsible for leading crews for the inspection, cleaning, repair, and opening of clogged sanitary sewer mains while operating such equipment as the Hydro Flusher, Power Rodder, Drag Machine and the Closed Circuit Television Unit; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Larry Robinson, was an outfielder for City of Oakland's Baseball Team, "The Wild Bunch"; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Larry Robinson, was responsible for assisting the Public Works Agency during the revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Mr. Robinson worked from the City's command post located at 7101 Edgewater Drive where he was utilized as a first responder to assist with whatever was necessary to restore order to various affected areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Larry Robinson, was responsible for assisting the Public Works Agency during the Oakland Hills Firestorm. He was responsible for responding to citizen complaints in a timely manner and consulting with the citizens regarding securing their properties; and

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, Larry Robinson was responsible for assisting the Public Works Agency around the clock during El Niño recovery and restoration initiatives and responded to all citizen complaints to assist citizens with critical problems; and

WHEREAS, Larry Robinson, received multiple certificates, such as, Confined Space Training, CPR Training, Hazardous Material Handling Training, and Truck Driver Certification; and

WHEREAS, Larry Robinson has been the Public Works Agency, "resident musician", performing at many City functions such as retirement parties, the National Public Works Week events, and many more. The Public Works Agency could always rely on "Star Grove" to provide his musical skills, voice and talents; and

WHEREAS, Larry Robinson will take fond memories with him and enjoy his retirement with his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: that the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Larry Robinson for his service and many contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, 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 citizens of Oakland to Larry Robinson for 34 years of dedicated service to the City of Oakland and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering sincere appreciation.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, APR 21 2009

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:


AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, AND
~~PRESIDENT BRUNNER~~ - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - Brunner - 1

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:


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