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City Attorney

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL****RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

Introduced by Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_

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**RESOLUTION CHANGING THE NAME OF THE CITY OF OAKLAND  
BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER TO THE "MICHAEL L. MCPHERSON  
OAKLAND BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER"**

**WHEREAS**, the City Council Rules and Procedures for naming facilities states that any individual or entity may initiate a proposal to name a public facility in the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council and the leadership of the Community and Economic Development Agency has proposed that the city rename the Oakland Business Assistance Center the Michael L. McPherson Oakland Business Assistance Center in honor of colleague, Michael L. McPherson; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McPherson dedicated his life to the Oakland community, particularly to the Oakland and greater East Bay small business community; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McPherson was a committed and enthusiastic City employee, since December 2007, who was instrumental in the establishment of, and management of, the Oakland Business Assistance Center; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McPherson assisted the community as a staff member of OBDC, formerly the Oakland Business Development Corporation, for 25 years and ultimately became the Executive Director of OBDC for 15 years from May 1991 to August 2006; and

**WHEREAS**, Michael McPherson passed away on Tuesday, June 7, 2011 in Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, the renaming of the Oakland Business Assistance Center would memorialize the contributions of Michael McPherson to the City of Oakland and to the East Bay small business community; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED**, that the Oakland City Council hereby approves the renaming of the Oakland Business Assistance Center to the Michael L. McPherson Oakland Business Assistance Center.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_, 2011

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, SCHAAF and PRESIDENT REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

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