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RESOLUTION No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

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Introduced by President Pro Tem Larry Reid

**RESOLUTION HONORING COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM  
COORDINATOR MS. CAROLINE LACEY LARON FOR 26 YEARS OF  
EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND**

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron, on November 6, 2015, will retire after 26 years of dedicated and outstanding service with the City of Oakland; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron was hired by the City in 1989 after leaving private sector companies with whom she served as staff and consultant, contracting with the Federal Department of Housing and Urban Development and Small Business Administration in various capacities, such as in the Minority and Women Owned Business Division, as well as contract compliance and monitoring throughout Region IX and Guam; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron's career has spanned a variety of classifications within the City of Oakland, initially as a District Coordinator, staffing the Seven Community Development (CD) District Boards and the Council of Seven Community District Chairpersons, which comprised Oakland's Community Development Block Grant Program Citizen Participation Process, as well as representing the City's community process at various quasi-public institutions in Oakland such as Alameda County Transit, Eastbay Municipal Utility District and Bay Area Rapid Transit, along with additional capacities serving as a Housing Development Coordinator, responsible for Asset Monitoring for the HOME Investment Partnership Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron, during her years of service with the Oakland's Community Development Block Grant Program and the HOME Investment Partnership Program, made a significant contribution to the transformation of Oakland, both through the Seven Community Development Districts, and on a City-wide level; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron, with the reorganization of the Department of Housing and Community Development, and the merger of its Community Development Block Grant/Commercial Lending Division, as well as with the reduction of staff with recent budget cutbacks, has been invaluable in assuming additional responsibilities in contract development, project management, program monitoring and fiscal reporting for the Community Development Block Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron deservedly looks forward to spending time with her grandson, family and friends, as well as enjoying the leisure of travelling, so therefore be it:

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland, honors, commends, and extends sincere gratitude to Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron for 26 years of exceptional service to the City of Oakland, and be it:

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland thanks Ms. Caroline Lacey Laron for her dedication to public service and her contributions to the City of Oakland, especially for her participating in the funding of a variety of projects to enhance the quality of life in Oakland neighborhoods, and the strengthening of the capacity of community based organizations in the City.

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

**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, AND REID

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_

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