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City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ CMS

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**RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING J. NICHOLAS WILLIAMS FOR HIS  
OUTSTANDING SERVICE TO PARKS, RECREATION AND YOUTH  
DEVELOPMENT AND THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND  
CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS FUTURE ENDEAVORS**

**WHEREAS**, J. Nicholas Williams was raised in Oakland, attended Morehouse College earning a Bachelor of Arts in Sociology and received certificates from Cornell University and the University of California at Berkeley; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams held leadership roles focused on providing meaningful services in recreation, maintenance of parks and landscaping in several cities including Atlanta and Minneapolis; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas returned to Oakland in 2016 as Director of The Parks, Recreation and Youth Development department providing inspirational and transformational leadership; and

**WHEREAS**, Nicholas has touched the lives of tens of thousands of Oakland families and their children with entrepreneurial creativity and an unwavering focus on equity; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams forged partnerships with foundations and private sector organizations that brought significant philanthropic investment to recreation programs and facilities serving Oakland's most vulnerable youth; and

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Williams will leave an enduring legacy of Town Camp, which he redesigned and launched to provide equitable, educational, and unforgettable summer camps for kids no matter what neighborhood they live in; and

**RESOLVED:** That we, the City Council of Oakland, California hereby recognize J. Nicholas Williams for his outstanding service to the City of Oakland for the past six years and congratulate him on his future endeavors.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND  
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

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

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