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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID AND COUNCIL MEMBER
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY

RESOLUTION HONORING COUNCILMEMBER DESLEY BROOKS FOR
HER 16 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE PEOPLE OF
OAKLAND AS A DISTINGUISHED MEMBER OF THE OAKLAND CITY
COUNCIL

WHEREAS, Desley Brooks was elected District 6 Councilmember and joined Oakland City Council a position she's held since 2002.

WHEREAS, In January 2011, Brooks was also inaugurated and recognized as the Vice Mayor of Oakland, California.

WHEREAS, Brooks assumed office in 2002, taking the seat formerly held by Councilmember Moses Mayne.

WHEREAS, Brooks was born in New Orleans, and she grew up in Los Angeles and Seattle. She holds a B.A. in Political Science from University of Washington and a J.D. from Seattle University.

WHEREAS, Prior to her service on the city council, Brooks served as Chief of Staff to Alameda County Supervisor Keith Carson.

WHEREAS In 2002, Brooks listed endorsements by a number of individuals including sitting city council member Nancy Nadel and civil rights attorney Dan Siegel.

WHEREAS In 2010 Brooks spoke on the one-year anniversary of the BART Police shooting of Oscar Grant.

WHEREAS, In 2012, Brooks put forward a public safety proposal calling for, among other things, better lighting in high crime areas of the city.

WHEREAS, Brooks spearheaded legislation to launch the City of Oakland's first Department of Race and Equity with the mission of creating a city where our diversity has been maintained, racial disparities have been eliminated and racial equity has been achieved. And Goals are to Eliminate systemic causes of racial disparities in City Government. Promote inclusion and full participation for all residents of the City. Reduce race-based disparities in our communities

WHEREAS, Brooks successfully secured the first in the nation Equity Amendments in relation to medical cannabis permitting

WHEREAS, In 2017, with the pending adult use legalization of marijuana in California, Brooks spearheaded equity amendments in the marijuana permit process that ensures half of all marijuana permits be given to individuals that were formerly convicted of marijuana related offenses or have lived in police beats that were disproportionately affected by the War on Drugs. The new system would also encourage general applicants to partner with equity applicants and provide either free rent or real estate for better priority in the permitting process.

RESOLVED, That Council President Reid and Councilmember Lynette McElhane and the Oakland City Council commend Councilmember Desley Brooks for her sixteen years of exemplary service and commitment to the people of Oakland; for all her great achievements and contributions towards the betterment of the communities of District 6 and the City of Oakland; and urges the support and participation of all residents in honoring her as she completes her term on the Oakland City Council.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____

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

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