


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS,
COUNCILMEMBER DAN KALB AND PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE SHENG THAO**

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING WLAD WLIASSOWSKY FOR OVER 39 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED PUBLIC SECTOR SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Wladimir Wlassowsky, Jr., has over 39 years of dedicated service in public sector engineering and management; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky spent over nine years with the Alameda County Flood Control and Water Conservation District, including several projects to restore flood control facilities in the City of Oakland and joined the City of Oakland in April, 1990, as a Supervising Civil Engineer in the Streets and Structures Design Unit, where his first project was overseeing the successful completion of Unit 3 of the widening of 98th Avenue; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky continued his leadership, including the planning, funding and completion of the retrofit of several key bridges in the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky was promoted to Principal Civil Engineer in August 2003 and assumed management of the Transportation Services Division of the Office of Public Works, during which time he collaborated with AC Transit in the initial and key planning phases for the East Bay Bus Rapid Transit System and oversaw the development of the Transportation Management Center, the foundation of long-term investment in active management of traffic signals and safety along key transportation corridors; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky collaborated with community groups to plan, fund and implement the City of Oakland's first scramble pedestrian signals at 8th and Webster Streets and 9th and Franklin Streets in Oakland Chinatown, to address known pedestrian safety hazards; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky, with foresight, began the process to integrate the discipline of transportation planning into the Transportation Services Division, blending the best of planning and engineering disciplines to provide forward-looking solutions to the safety of all who walk, bike, bus or drive on Oakland streets; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Wlassowsky initiated and developed a highly successful High School Engineering Intern program that has introduced a generation of local high school students to engineering and public services; and

WHEREAS, in December 2016 Mr. Wlassowsky began to serve as Assistant Director / City Engineer in the new Department of Transportation and in that capacity oversaw the successful integration of operations and maintenance disciplines with transportation planning and engineering, including the blending of the best of these cultures and qualities; and

WHEREAS, his staff has attested that Mr. Wlassowsky has the most combined design, transportation engineering and planning experience in the department and is known as everyone's "go-to" when it comes to any problem staff is "stuck on"; and

WHEREAS, despite his background in engineering and attestation that he thinks like one, Mr. Wlassowsky has brought tremendous empathy, compassion and emotional intelligence to 31 years of City service to often frustrated constituents and challenging interpersonal situations; and

WHEREAS, in his spare time, Mr. Wlassowsky is known to dabble in fine wines, having recently been designated a Certified Specialist of Wines through the San Francisco Wine School, and to create fine cuisine for friends and family; travel, mentor local students, and root on the Golden Bears from the North End Zone, in seasons both good and bad; and

WHEREAS, these activities are associated with a happy life and therefore necessary but require time;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Oakland wishes to thank Mr. Wlassowsky for his enduring contributions and commitment to the City of Oakland, both the municipal corporation and the community it serves, and wishes Mr. Wlassowsky well in his retirement.

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: _____
ASHA REED
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the
City of Oakland, California