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INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER Nancy J. Nadel

Resolution in Appreciation of the Work of "Rebuilding Together Oakland"

WHEREAS, Rebuilding Together Oakland (RTO) rehabilitates the homes of low-income residents, particularly those who are elderly and disabled, so they may continue to live in safety, comfort and independence; and

WHEREAS, RTO also renovates nonprofit community centers that provide direct services to the low-income community; and

WHEREAS, RTO fosters community service by relying on skilled and unskilled volunteers for its rehabilitation projects; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 alone, RTO mobilized over 2,000 volunteers to rehabilitate 25 houses and three facilities, providing an estimated \$800,000 of benefit to Oakland neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, since its inception in 1993, RTO has repaired 218 homes and 26 community facilities through the City of Oakland, with some 10,500 volunteers serving over 100,000 hours, providing approximately \$5,000,000 in project value; and

WHEREAS, every April RTO rehabilitates homes and community centers throughout the City of Oakland (hence the prior name "Christmas in April"); and

WHEREAS, in October 2003 RTO initiated the West Oakland Block Building Program, where RTO focuses its energies on a single neighborhood, renovating low-income elderly homes and making block-wide improvements; and

WHEREAS, in 2003 Block Building program RTO adopted the block of 31st Street between West St. and Martin Luther King Jr. Way, renovating five homes of low-income seniors, and making block wide-improvements. And in 2004 RTO adopted the block of Mead Avenue between San Pablo Avenue and Market Street, rehabilitating three homes, doing block wide improvements, and renovating the adjacent West Oakland Boys and Girls Club; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council recognizes the valuable contribution that Rebuilding Together Oakland has made to preserving the housing stock of Oakland, and improving the well being of low-income seniors and the community as a whole in its work throughout Oakland; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Oakland City Council also commends RTO for its innovative Block Building program and the contribution that it has made to the West Oakland community and looks forward to future partnerships.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20 __

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, BRU NNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN AND
PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE,
NOES-

ABSENT-

ABSTENTION-

ATTEST:

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