

**OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL**  
RESOLUTION No. 78934 OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK  
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*Margaret Fujita*

RESOLUTION COMMENDING GWENDOLYN J. AUSTIN FOR  
FORTY FOUR YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DISTINGUISHED  
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Austin has provided forty four years of excellent service to the community working for the City of Oakland, Office of Parks and Recreation; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Austin's work in the community has touched the lives of thousands of Oakland citizens, including young children, youth, teens, adults, and seniors, in a positive and enriching manner; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Austin began her career in recreation on June 16, 1960 at the Durant Playground as a part-time Recreation Aide and was promoted to full time Recreation Program Director on March 1, 1972; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Austin applied her recreation education when planning and coordinating recreation activities such as District and Citywide Girls' Sports, Citywide conferences and workshops, programs for preschool, teens and senior citizens, and community special events; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Austin was assigned to Redwood Heights Recreation Center in 1974 and there began the successful effort to rally community support for and plan a new recreation center at Redwood Heights; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Austin developed and implemented the innovative plan to support recreation programs at the newly-built Redwood Heights Recreation Center through rentals and fee-based programs which is currently in place today and generates over \$250,000 per year annually; and

WHEREAS, Gwendolyn Austin managed Redwood Height Recreation Center when, in September 2004, it was ranked first in the City for outstanding programs, staff, facility, and community outreach; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Austin has decided to begin her retirement, enjoy her family and friends even more, and embark upon many new adventures; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor and members of the Oakland City Council, the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, and the staff of the Office of Parks and Recreation commend Ms. Gwendolyn Austin for her many years of outstanding service to the citizens of Oakland, and convey to her their highest regard as she enters a new phase of her life; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That a copy of this resolution, suitably  
to Ms. Gwendolyn Austin.

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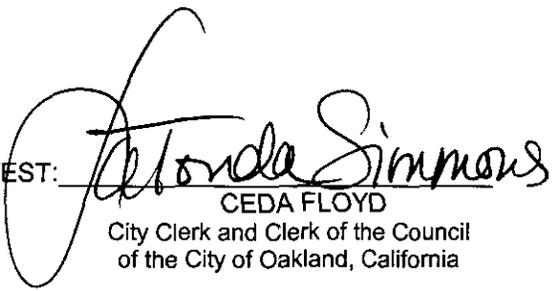
**PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:**

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, WAN and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE -8

NOES- 0

ABSENT- 0

ABSTENTION- 0

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