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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NANCY NADEL

ADOPT A RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING KATHRYN HUGHES FOR HER SEVENTEEN-AND-A-HALF YEARS OF SERVICE AND DEDICATION TO IMPROVING BICYCLING, WALKING, AND AIR QUALITY IN THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, the City of Oakland has seen steady improvements in its bicycling and walking conditions over the past decade and has been recognized for its efforts to reduce pollution and improve the urban environment; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn Hughes, the City's Bicycle and Pedestrian Program Manager, has dedicated over seventeen and one-half years of service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn created a Bicycle and Pedestrian Program for the City of Oakland has overseen the development of over 20 miles of bike lanes, 50 miles of bike routes, and bike parking for over 2,000 bicycles, and has secured funding for pedestrian improvements throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Kathryn initiated and developed a number of events, activities and facilities that have brought credit to our City, including:

- The first Spare the Air program for the City of Oakland, and the 1994 recipient of the Bay Area Air Quality Management District, "Winner of Outstanding Spare the Air Program" Award;
- An employer-paid commute benefit program initiated in 1996-97, the "HotLinks Commuter Club," which provided the first commute benefits to City employees for not driving alone to work, including a \$20 per month subsidy, which served as a model for the Commuter Check program currently offered by the City;
- The first Guaranteed Ride Home program in Alameda County, a benefit for City employees, 1996-97, which became the model for the current County-Wide Program, in which the City now participates;

- A pilot program, "Parking Cash Out," one of the first in California, which allowed employees at one facility to cash out the value of their parking spaces for an alternative commute benefit, 1997-98;
- The West Oakland Bay Trail and other Bay Trail improvements, 1995 to the present;
- A large-scale, public Bike to Work Day, in 1993, now entering its 14th year and celebrated annually throughout California;
- The first legislation committing the City to climate protection and a greenhouse gas emissions audit, a resolution forwarded to Council in 1996, which garnered a 1997 letter of acknowledgement from Vice-President Al Gore;
- A state-of-the-art bicycle parking cage for City employees in the Dalzeil Parking Garage, as well as bike racks in Frank H. Ogawa Plaza, Parks and Recreations Centers, Libraries, and City work sites, 1998-99;
- The first Bike Station in Oakland at the Fruitvale BART Transit Village, an attended bike parking facility completed in 2004, accommodating 236 bicycles, one of the largest in the country;
- The first Statewide Conference on Walking and Bicycling in 2003, now an ongoing statewide event;
- The first CarFree Day event in Oakland, in 2004, one of the first in the Bay Area and now entering its fourth year;
- The first press conference and acknowledgement of the National Bikeway Greenway, 2002;
- The first conceptual plan and funding for the Cypress Memorial Park and Bay Trail rest stop on Mandela Parkway, 2001;
- Funding, promotion, press releases, and press conferences for shuttle services, pedestrian countdown signals, radar speed trailers, and numerous other projects that have made Oakland a more livable city, 1994 to present; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the elected officials, staff and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Kathryn Hughes for her outstanding efforts to improve bicycling and walking conditions, improve air quality, and initiate programs to promote urban livability; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City Council and City Administrator extend their appreciation to Kathryn for her years of dedicated service on behalf of the citizens of Oakland, and wish her well in all her future endeavors.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2006

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BRUNNER, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, BROOKS, REID, CHANG, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE NOES - - -ABSENT -ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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