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Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 88447 C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY City Attorney Barbara J. Parker
and Mayor Libby Schaaf

RESOLUTION CONGRATULATING DAVID ALEJANDRO PEREDA ON HIS APPOINTMENT AS ALAMEDA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT JUDGE AND COMMENDING HIM AND EXPRESSING PROFOUND GRATITUDE FOR HIS STELLAR SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AS DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY, SUPERVISING DEPUTY CITY ATTORNEY AND SPECIAL COUNSEL SUPERVISING THE GENERAL AND COMPLEX LITIGATION DIVISION OF THE OAKLAND CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

WHEREAS, on December 8, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom announced his appointment of David Alejandro Pereda, head of the General and Complex Litigation Division of the Oakland City Attorney's Office, as Alameda County Superior Court Judge; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda has served the residents of Oakland with distinction, expertise and the highest level of integrity as an attorney and a leader in the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda graduated from UC Hastings Laws School and served as an extern for U.S. Magistrate Judge Maria-Elena James of the U.S. District Court for the Northern District of California, and earned his Bachelor of Arts Degree in Sociology from UC Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda first joined the City Attorney's Office in 2013 as a Deputy City Attorney II, and due to his razor sharp legal mind, his extraordinary work ethic, and the unfailing care, empathy and insight he brought to all of his work, was promoted to a Deputy City Attorney III and then to a Supervising Deputy City Attorney V during his initial three-year tenure in the Office; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda supervised and handled a wide range of cases, including lawsuits involving use of force, wrongful death, in custody deaths, dangerous conditions, challenges to City ordinances, and Section 1983 (civil rights) lawsuits and his extraordinary work as Oakland Police Department-Departmental Counsel was critical during a challenging period for the City; and

WHEREAS, in 2016 Mr. Pereda left the City Attorney's Office to serve as an Assistant U.S. Attorney in the U.S. Attorney's Office for the Northern District of California where he defended the United States in a wide-range of cases, including employment cases, *Bivens* actions (violations of the Fourth Amendment), judicial review of agency decisions, Freedom of Information Act cases and bankruptcy proceedings, and also worked on affirmative cases, including civil rights investigations and Drug Enforcement Administration enforcement matters; and

WHEREAS, in 2018 Mr. Pereda returned to the City Attorney's Office and has supervised the General and Complex Litigation Division, handling or overseeing many of the most complex, challenging and high profile cases involving the City of Oakland; including the Ghostship Warehouse Fire lawsuits, and other significant matters involving the Oakland Police Department and other City departments; ; and

WHEREAS, before he joined the City Attorney's Office, Mr. Pereda worked in private practice for eight years with two law firms litigating high-value products cases, and cases involving premises liability, public entities and contracts; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda has always executed his duties and responsibilities with the highest degree of professionalism and expertise; and

WHEREAS, as a consequence of his outstanding lawyering, Mr. Pereda has steered the City's cases towards just results and saved the City many, many millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda has served in numerous volunteer positions, including serving as president of East Bay La Raza Lawyers Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Pereda is a proud Oakland resident; and

WHEREAS, not only has Mr. Pereda been incredibly hard-working, he has poured his heart and soul into his work on behalf of the City of Oakland and all Oaklanders and has represented the City's interests with inimitable zeal; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland thanks Mr. Pereda for his wise counsel, his equanimity under pressure, his years of faithful service and his many contributions to the public good; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland expresses profound gratitude and appreciation for Mr. Pereda's forceful and masterful advocacy of the City's interests during his tenure in the City Attorney's Office; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland extends its congratulations to Mr. Pereda on his appointment as Alameda County Superior Court Judge where we know he will continue to employ his exceptional skills to provide exemplary judicial services.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

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PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, ~~REED~~, TAYLOR, THAO
AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN - 7

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 1 *Reed*

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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