



CITY OF OAKLAND

MEMORANDUM

DATE: September 7, 2021
TO: City Council and Members of the Public
FROM: Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, District 2,
Mayor Libby Schaaf and City Administrator Ed Reiskin
SUBJECT: **Appreciating City of Oakland Employees on World Gratitude Day**

Dear City Council Colleagues and Members of the Public,

In observance of World Gratitude Day, which falls on September 21, 2021, and on behalf of the City Council, City leadership, and the people of Oakland, we would like to celebrate, honor, and appreciate our wonderful City of Oakland employees. Over the past eighteen months, in response to unprecedented challenges including the COVID-19 pandemic and shelter-in-place orders, City staff rapidly mobilized to respond to the public health, economic, housing, and other crises by deploying new or enhanced programs and services to support Oakland residents, while simultaneously ensuring that essential services continued uninterrupted. We extend our sincere appreciation to our frontline staff, who have been coming to work throughout the pandemic, and maintained excellent services and continued to ensure the business of the City of Oakland would continue through such difficult times. In the face of these unforeseen challenges, staff at all levels of the organization have demonstrated unwavering commitment and determination to serve Oakland in a responsive, equitable and compassionate manner.

We appreciate our City staff for their steadfast professionalism, perseverance and dedication to reliably, responsively and effectively serving the residents of Oakland. We extend additional appreciation to the Oakland ROCKS Committee, an employee-driven appreciation group led by the Human Resources and Management Department, for bringing this occasion to our attention.

For questions regarding this memo, please contact Miya Saika Chen, Chief of Staff, Office of Council President Nikki Fortunato Bas, at mchen@oaklandca.gov.

Respectfully Submitted,

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