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RESOLUTION NO. _____

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBERS NADEL AND REID

RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR RAUL GODINEZ II FOR HIS DISTINGUISHED LEADERSHIP AND SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS AGENCY AND HIS DEDICATED STEWARDSHIP OF OAKLAND'S PHYSICAL AND ENVIRONMENTAL INFRASTRUCTURE

WHEREAS, Raul Godinez II, P.E., is an experienced, accomplished public works professional and executive manager with over 20 years in both the public and private sectors; and

WHEREAS, Raul Godinez II, P.E., an Oakland resident, has provided over eight and a half years of dedicated and distinguished service as a Public Works executive to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Raul Godinez II, P.E., started with the City of Oakland in March of 2001 as an Assistant Director in charge of the Design & Construction Services Department of the Public Works Agency; and

WHEREAS, Raul Godinez II, P.E., was promoted to Director of the Public Works Agency (PWA) in late January, 2004; and

WHEREAS, under Director Godinez's leadership, the City of Oakland, Public Works Agency of as many as 900 employees were united under seven Strategic Initiatives that focused on how work was performed, including (1) Focusing on Relationships with Each Other and Our Customers, (2) Customer Service and Satisfaction, (3) Improving Our Image and Visibility, (4) Maximizing Volunteer Opportunities, (5) Safety First, (6) Growing Our Own, (7) Commitment to Continuous Learning; and

WHEREAS, under Director Godinez's leadership, the City of Oakland, Public Works Agency has achieved significant accomplishments including instituting Rapid Results Initiatives, establishing the Public Works Call Center, deploying annual Pothole "Blitz", implementing the Azteca Cityworks work management system, establishing the Technology Learning Center, and producing the "Doin' the Green Thing: Ten Part Environmental Series"; and

WHEREAS, Director Godinez strengthened the Public Works Agency's Emergency Response capabilities by focusing on training and emergency preparedness, which had a direct and positive impact on how PWA responded to various emergencies such as state & federal-declared winter storm disasters and the collapse of the MacArthur Maze overpass; and

WHEREAS, under Director Godinez's leadership, the City of Oakland's Public Works Agency received distinction on August 15, 2006 as the third city in the state of California to become an APWA Accredited Agency, which is awarded after APWA formally verifies and recognizes a public works agency for compliance with the recommended practices set forth in the Public Works Management Practices Manual; and

WHEREAS, the American Public Works Association (APWA) Northern California Chapter named Director Godinez as the chapter's Public Works Leader of the Year for 2009; and

WHEREAS, the APWA further honored Raul Godinez II with their national Top 10 Public Works Leaders of the Year Award for 2009; and is now counted among an elite group of public works professionals who are recognized for their excellence and are the best and brightest in their profession; and

WHEREAS, Director Godinez has ushered into the Agency a culture of accomplishment, accountability and excellence; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Raul Godinez II, P.E., for his outstanding service, dedication, and contributions to the City of Oakland and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council and the City Administrator extend their gratitude on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Raul Godinez II, P.E., for his leadership and distinguished service and professionalism to the City of Oakland and Public Works Agency, and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and wish him continued success.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: _____
LaTonda Simmons
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California