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RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER _____

**RESOLUTION HONORING CALVIN N. WONG
FOR THIRTY TWO YEARS OF DISTINGUISHED SERVICE
TO THE CITIZENS OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Calvin N. Wong, an Oakland native and educated in Oakland schools, began his service to the City of Oakland as a Junior Engineer in 1973, following completion of an undergraduate degree in Civil Engineering from University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Calvin promoted through the ranks of professional engineering in the City and was appointed as Principal Civil Engineer in 1989, responsible for building services plan check development, and then appointed as the Building Official in 1994 in the Public Works Agency, and

WHEREAS, Following the Loma Prieta earthquake in October 1989, Calvin coordinated the inspection of Oakland's entire building stock in ten days, posting of 1200 dangerous buildings and tenant evacuations in downtown followed by creation of the Earthquake Damage Mitigation Ordinance and subsequent upgrade of more than 1200 structures; and

WHEREAS, Calvin was instrumental in the design of the current Permit Tracking System developed in 1986, which provides a record of all Oakland properties, and

WHEREAS, in 1991 Calvin coordinated the building code regulations and set up the One Stop Permit Center to facilitate the re-building of the fire damaged structures following the Oakland Hills Firestorm and wrote the Fire Storm Rebuilding Standards Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in 1993 Calvin adopted and implemented the Unreinforced Masonry Ordinance to facilitate the seismic retrofitting of about 1800 brick buildings; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, Calvin N. Wong was appointed as the Director of Building Services in the Community and Economic Development Agency and in the past ten years working with other City departments and community agencies has implemented several initiatives and ordinances to reduce blight, and improve the City including Civil Penalties Ordinance; Blight Abatement Ordinance; Housing Code; Window Bar Ordinance; Vehicular Food Vendor Program; Barbed Wire Ordinance; Pay Telephone Ordinance; and Truck Parking in Residential areas Ordinance, of which were used as templates for other jurisdictions in northern California; and

WHEREAS, Calvin N. Wong's unwavering pursuit of excellence and customer service has engendered the admiration of the community, his colleagues and staff; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator do hereby commend Calvin N. Wong for his thirty two years of incomparable commitment to excellence and distinguished public service and contributions to the Oakland community; and, be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, be presented to Calvin N. Wong with the compliments of the Mayor, City Council and City Administrator as a token of their appreciation and high esteem, and with best wishes for a well deserved retirement.

JAN 18 2005

In Council, Oakland, California, _____, 2005

Passed By The Following Vote:

AYES- BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, NADEL, QUAN, REID, ~~WANG~~ AND

PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 7

NOES- 0

EXCUSED 1 - WAN

ABSTENTION- 0

ABSENT- 0

ATTEST:

Deonda Simmons
Interim City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California