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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION No. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LARRY REID

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**A Resolution Recognizing and Honoring Deputy Executive Director for Real Estate
Development Phil Neville Upon His Retirement From The Oakland Housing Authority
After 43 Years of Service**

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville began his career with the Oakland Housing Authority on October 1, 1974 as an Administrative Analyst and following several promotions in that Department, was ultimately promoted to Director of Leased Housing on September 1, 1978 and served as the director for 22 years, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, on August 16, 2000, was appointed as the Oakland Housing Authority's first Director of Development, establishing that new department, and was promoted to Deputy Executive Director for the Office of Real Estate Development on April 14, 2006; and,

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, assumed the role of Deputy Executive Director for Real Estate Development on April 14, 2006, and in that role, has been a trailblazer in the use of mixed finance development to revitalize severely distressed public housing developments, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, through his leadership of the Authority's implementation of three HOPE VI revitalization grants, transformed projects such as Chestnut Linden Court, Mandela Gateway and Lion Creek Crossings into affordable and highly successful projects, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, forged new partnerships between the Oakland Housing Authority and affordable housing developers that resulted in the construction and rehabilitation of 1,955 rental units for low-income households in 20 developments and 53 affordable for sale homes, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, under his leadership, The Oakland Housing Authority's new developments have been recognized with prestigious national awards including: five National Awards of Excellence from NAHRO, numerous AIA awards including a four Gold Nugget Awards from the Pacific Coast Builders Conference, and an AIA/HUD Secretary's Award of Excellence in Affordable Housing in 2015, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville has demonstrated a commitment to green building and sustainability through his work on developments that achieved LEED and Build It Green Platinum certifications and a Phoenix Award from the United States Environmental Protection Agency, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville played a leadership role in the formation of the nonprofit public benefit corporation Oakland Housing Initiatives, Inc. (OHI) in 1991, harnessing the vision of a strong board of housing professionals to develop and provide oversight to Foothill Family Apartments,

Harrison Street Senior, and Lakeside Senior apartments, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, has advocated for the development of more affordable housing in California throughout his career, meeting with legislative staff, testifying before legislative committees, and providing input and comments on amendments to State bills, and;

WHEREAS, Mr. Phillip J. Neville, has, throughout his career lead the Oakland Housing Authority in some of its most innovative and challenging endeavors, and left a lasting mark on the City of Oakland by increasing the supply of affordable housing throughout the City, with an impact that will be felt for generations, so therefore be it:

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council honors and recognizes Mr. Phillip J. Neville, Deputy Executive Director for Real Estate Development for the Oakland Housing Authority on his illustrious career and his outstanding service for 43 years for the residents of Oakland, and be it further:

RESOLVED, That the Oakland City Council congratulates Mr. Phillip J. Neville on his retirement after 43 years of service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2017.

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

**AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY,
GUILLEN, KALB, KAPLAN, and PRESIDENT REID**

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

**LaTonda Simmons, CMC
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California**