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Oakland City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

RESOLUTION COMMENDING MICHELLE TAYLOR ABNEY FOR 31 YEARS OF OUTSTANDING AND DEDICATED SERVICE AND CONGRATULATING HER ON THE OCCASION OF HER RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney began her career as a Receptionist in the Office of the City Clerk on April 1, 1979; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Abney worked in the City of Oakland's Public Works Department 1981-1984 and assisted with the development and implementation of the Minority and Women Business Participation Program, and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney was appointed as the City's first Election Services Coordinator in the City Clerk's Office in 1987, and in that capacity was responsible for conducting the City's election process; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, Michelle Taylor Abney was promoted to Deputy City Clerk; and

WHEREAS, while she served in the City Clerk's Office, Michelle Taylor Abney supervised the Records Unit and Elections Services Unit at the same time; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure in the City Clerk's Office Michelle Taylor Abney was responsible for the filing and archiving of campaign statements and statement of economic interest,

WHEREAS, during her service in the City Clerk's Office, Michelle Taylor Abney obtained funding from the City Council and installed a connection to the Alameda County Registrar of Voters that allowed City Clerk staff to verify nomination and initiative petitions signatures in-house. The City Clerk's Office could also view the election results on a real-time basis; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney attended numerous City Council and Committee Meetings and prepared minutes for the meetings; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney served as staff support to the Public Ethics Commission; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney assisted the City Clerk in conducting the City's business immediately following the Loma Prieta Earthquake; and

WHEREAS, at the beginning of this decade, the City Attorney appointed Michelle Taylor Abney as the Office's first Open Government Coordinator with responsibility for coordinating the City's

responses to Public Records Act requests, educating the City staff, City board and commission members and Oakland residents regarding the Public Records Act and other laws that promote transparency, such as Oakland's Sunshine Ordinance and the California Ralph M. Brown Act, and preparing and coordinating the production of closed session agenda materials and amendments to the City's Conflict of Interest Code; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney's dedication to open government and transparency in the City of Oakland's government has been exemplary; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney's knowledge of election law and the agenda process proved to be invaluable to the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney served under and provided vital services to Mayors Lionel J. Wilson, Elihu Harris, Jerry Brown and Ronald V. Dellums, and to City Managers/Administrators David Self, Henry Gardner, Craig Kocian, Kofi Bonner, Robert Bobb, Deborah Edgerly and Dan Lindheim; and

WHEREAS, Michelle Taylor Abney conducted seven municipal elections and one City Councilmember appointment process and she planned and helped to coordinate seven inaugural ceremonies; and

WHEREAS, after providing a wide range of services and expertise to the City for 31 years, Michelle Taylor Abney has decided to retire from City service; now therefore be it

RESOLVED: that the City Council and the City Attorney, on behalf of the City of Oakland and the City staff recognize Michelle Taylor Abney for her contributions and dedication to the public good, and upon the occasion of her retirement, thank her for her service and wish her happiness, fulfillment and success in retirement and any new endeavors that she chooses to pursue; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: that a copy of this resolution, suitably inscribed, shall be presented to Michelle Taylor Abney with the compliments of the Mayor, City Council, City Attorney and the City Administrator, as a token of their appreciation and highest esteem.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____, 2010

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES- BROOKS, DE LA FUENTE, KAPLAN, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAL, REID and PRSIDENT BRUNNER

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTIONS -

ATTEST: _____

LATONDA SIMMONS
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council
of the City of Oakland, California