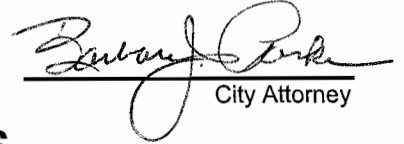


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RESOLUTION No. 81560 C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember Jane Brunner

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING AND COMMENDING BANANAS FOR
THIRTY FIVE YEARS OF SERVICE TO PARENTS AND CHILD CARE
PROVIDERS OF OAKLAND**

WHEREAS, Bananas has been offering services to parents and child care providers in Oakland for 35 years; and

WHEREAS, child care is a basic support in many families and the majority of children spend time each day in child care; and

WHEREAS, children and families benefit from quality early childhood education; and

WHEREAS, BANANAS is dedicated to improving the quality of life for children and their families by providing a place where people and organizations with child care and parenting concerns can come to share ideas and get support; and

WHEREAS, through high quality child care referral services, handouts and workshops in 8 languages, BANANAS consistently puts parents, child care providers and the community in touch with helpful information; and

WHEREAS, through innovative child care training and parenting workshops offered by BANANAS, parents and child care providers can increase their effectiveness in decision-making and child rearing techniques; and

WHEREAS, BANANAS consistently supports parents by giving them comprehensive information on available child care choices and encouraging them to act on their own knowledge and feelings as they select child care; and

WHEREAS, through alternative payment programs for low-income parents, BANANAS provides assistance paying for child care, including respite care for families in crisis; and

WHEREAS, parents, children and child care providers from all cultures, economic standing, family configurations, physical abilities and ages benefit from BANANAS' services; and

WHEREAS, BANANAS has fielded millions of questions from parents, child care providers and the community at large about children's behavior and development; and

WHEREAS, BANANAS has helped preserve quality child care through advocacy and program implementation; and

WHEREAS, BANANAS has been a forerunner in developing services for families and has maintained an outstanding local, state and national reputation for the past thirty five years; and

BE IT RESOLVED: that the Oakland City Council does hereby recognize and commend BANANAS for thirty five years of tireless services to parents and providers of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, **OCT 7 2008**, 20_____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, BRUNNER, CHANG, KERNIGHAN, NADEL, QUAN, REID, and PRESIDENT DE LA FUENTE - 8

NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

ATTEST:



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