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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. _____ C.M.S.

Introduced by Councilmember _____

RESOLUTION HONORING MR. TIMOTHY L. HARRISON FOR THIRTY-SIX (36) YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HIM ON HIS RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison has provided over thirty-six (36) years of dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, began his career with the City of Oakland in December 1971, as Automotive Equipment Service Worker under the "Equal Employment Act", in the Equipment Services Division and;

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, was promoted to the position of Automotive Equipment Service Worker, in 1974, where he was responsible for the servicing of all police cars and small equipment; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, was promoted the position of Heavy Equipment Service Worker in 1978, and was responsible for the maintenance, repair, and servicing of all the City's heavy equipment, including Fire Engines, he was responsible for the supervision of five employees; and

WHEREAS, in January 1985, Timothy L. Harrison was promoted to the position of Semi-Skilled Laborer, and responsible for repair and installation of all traffic signs; and

WHEREAS, in June 1985, Timothy L. Harrison, was promoted to the position of Street Sweeper Operator in the Sanitation Department. He was responsible for operating the street sweeper to clean streets throughout the city; and

WHEREAS, in October 1987, Timothy L. Harrison, was promoted to the position of Street Maintenance Leader in the Maintenance Services Department. He was responsible for leading a crew of ten employees for asphalt repairs throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Timothy L. Harrison, was responsible for leading crews during the revitalization efforts for the Catastrophic 1989 Loma Prieta Earthquake. Mr. Harrison worked from the City's command post located at 12th & Clay Street where he dispatched complaints and his crews were utilized as first responders, as well as, assisting other outside agencies, i.e., Police and Fire, with whatever was necessary to restore order to various affected areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1991, Timothy L. Harrison, was responsible for leading crews during the Oakland Hills Firestorm. He was responsible for responding to citizen complaints in a timely manner and consulting with the citizens regarding securing their properties, as well as, offering reassurance that the Public Works Agency was there for them; and

WHEREAS, in November 1992, Timothy L. Harrison was promoted to the position of Public Works Supervisor I in the Street Cleaning and Graffiti Abatement Division, and supervised a crew of twenty employees. He was the weekend supervisor for many years. He was responsible for overseeing and operating the work furlough program along with the County of Alameda, Sheriff Department. Coordinated and supervised the set up of all traffic control barriers and clean up for all city wide special events, including the Port of Oakland's July 4th fireworks display, and the yearly Christmas Parade. Worked closely with community organization and groups, i.e., the China Town Chamber of Commerce, The Spanish Speaking Committee, and the Piedmont Merchants, for various community clean up events; and

WHEREAS, in 1997-1998, Timothy L. Harrison, was responsible for supervising crews around the clock during El Nino recovery and restoration initiatives and responded to all citizen complaints to assist citizens with critical problems; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, in May 2004 to the present, transferred to the Street and Sidewalk Division and was responsible for supervising sixteen employees for the maintenance and repair of potholes (over 200 pothole complaints per month), crack and joint sealing, and carpenter crews. Mr. Harrison contributed to "Improving the City of Oakland's Image", "Safety First and "Customer Service Satisfaction" by spearheading the implementation of the Public Works Agency's, citywide "Pothole Blitz". During the "pothole blitz", Mr. Harrison and his crews were able to quadruple the normal number of potholes filled; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, has received numerous compliments for his "pothole blitz" efforts, including the Honorable Ron L. Dellums, various citizen groups and constituents, and Council Member Jane Brunner's office. Mr. Harrison received the "Directors Award" in May 1997 for Outstanding Contribution and Professionalism. He also served on the "Public Works Safety Committee"; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison, received multiple certificates in Management and Supervision at Laney College in Oakland, Department of Transportation (DOT) Rules and Regulations, FEMA Emergency Response Training in Emmitsburg, Maryland, Weapons of Mass Destruction, Union Stewart, Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, First Responder, Operations Level (FRO), and the State of California, Traffic Control Training.

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison has been one of a few key people within the Public Works Agency to consult on maintenance issues, catastrophic issues, and has been the Public Works Agency's "go to" person for all areas of maintenance issues. His hard work has earned him the respect of his staff, coworkers, managers, and supervisors; and

WHEREAS, Timothy L. Harrison will take fond memories with him and enjoy his retirement with his family and friends; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, That the elected officials, staff, and citizens of Oakland hereby recognize Timothy L. Harrison for his outstanding service and may contributions to the City of Oakland, and the Public Works Agency, which exemplify excellence in the workplace; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED that the City of Oakland and the City Administrator extend their congratulation on behalf of the citizens of Oakland to Timothy L. Harrison for 36 years of dedicated service, "go-getter attitude, and professionalism to the City of Oakland and join his colleagues and associates in saluting his achievements and offering sincere appreciation. His service, knowledge and skills will be greatly missed.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, _____

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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