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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT KAPLAN, COUNCILMEMBER THAO,
COUNCILMEMBER TAYLOR, MAYOR LIBBY SCHAAF

**RESOLUTION THANKING AND APPRECIATING COUNCILMEMBER
LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY FOR HER YEARS OF MERITORIOUS
AND DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND THE
CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, Lynette Gibson McElhaney has served as Oakland City Council member of District 3 for eight years, since 2013, providing West Oakland, Downtown/Uptown, Jack London, Pill Hill/KONO, a portion of Lake Merritt, and the Port of Oakland, her unwavering support and dedication; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure on the City Council, Councilmember McElhaney has served as Council President and currently serves as chair of the Finance and Management Committee; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McElhaney has been a 20-year leader in affordable housing with experience as an executive director for a housing nonprofit, and is known as a bridge-builder and advocate, who balances neighborhood needs with the needs of the local economy to create jobs, expand opportunities, and increase access to retail and services for local residents; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, Councilmember McElhaney was named one of San Francisco Business Times' "Most Influential Women in Bay Area Business"; and

WHEREAS, in addition to her work as an elected leader she is a mentoring member of the International John Maxwell Team, where she provides leadership development training and coaching for Fortune 500 businesses and individuals, equipping youth and adults with the skills to lead and excel through troubled times; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McElhaney led the efforts to preserve Measure Z, which funds public safety by investing in community policing, prevention, and intervention strategies to reduce gun-related violence, as well as providing funding to improve parks and waterways; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McElhaney co-sponsored legislation for the creation of the groundbreaking Department of Violence Prevention, which seeks to implement community-focused and community-led strategies to drastically reduce homicides, gender-based and domestic violence, and the sexual exploitation of children; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember McElhaney also supported establishment of the Black Arts Movement and Business District along the historic 14th Street Corridor; now, therefore, be it:

RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council and Mayor Schaff thank and commend Councilmember Lynette Gibson McElhaney for her eight years of meritorious and dedicated service to the City of Oakland and the Oakland City Council; and thank and appreciate her for all her great achievements and contributions towards the betterment of the Oakland community.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FORTUNATO BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR,
THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: _____
ASHA REED
Acting City Clerk and Clerk of the
Council of the City of Oakland, California