



City Attorney's Office

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS**

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**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING CYNTHIA PERKINS FOR PROVIDING 30 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND COMMITTED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND CONGRATULATING HER UPON HER RETIREMENT**

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins began her career with the City of Oakland in 1991 as a Police Services Technician II in the Oakland Police Department, tasked with implementing and managing the City's first formalized drug education program for school aged children known as D.A.R.E. (Drug Abuse Resistance Education Program which taught throughout middle schools, by sworn police officers and helped to bridge the gap between the community and police; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins exhibited throughout her career leadership, exceptional performance, and outstanding customer service, which lead her to be hand selected by the Police Chief to develop, implement, and manage the Citizens Police Academy Alumni Association and the Volunteers in Policing Programs for the Oakland Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins moved up the promotional ladder to achieve the status of the first Civilian Public Information Officer for the Oakland Police Department, and Chief of Staff to the first African American Female Fire Chief in the history of the City of Oakland. Cynthia was tasked with managing the Fire Prevention Bureau of the Oakland Fire Department in the Capacity of Interim Fire Marshal for one year pending the search for a permanent Fire Marshal; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins was instrumental in the City's efforts to secure \$10 million in federal grant funds from the Office of Community Policing Office of Community Oriented Policing Services (COPS) to hire 23 additional police officers, as well as instrumental in securing \$7.8 million dollars in federal grant funds from the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant program to hire 24 additional fire fighters, and also instrumental in securing federal grant funds from the Assistance to Firefighters Grant (AFG) to a purchase a new multi-thousand fire truck at no cost to the City; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins provided leadership in the development and deployment of the City's automated Electronic Data Request process, as well as automating the City's Reprographic Copy and Print services to make the reprographic shops ordering process paperless; and

**WHEREAS**, Cynthia Perkins was a tenured member of the City's Emergency Public Information Officer (EPIO) team, and supported many of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) activations in support of the Public Information Office during major events including Occupy Oakland protests, Oscar Grant protests, Wild Fire activations, May Day marches, and George Floyd protests; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That Nikki Fortunato Bas, President of the City Council, and Council Member for the 2<sup>nd</sup> District, on behalf of the Oakland City Council, do hereby recognize Cynthia Perkins for her 30 years of dedicated service.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
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City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California

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