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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL MEMBER TREVA REID

RESOLUTION CELEBRATING SANDRA TAYLOR FOR OVER 28 YEARS OF DEDICATED AND DISTINGUISHED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Sandra Taylor joined the City of Oakland in 1987, as an Intern in the City Manager's Office, served in the Public Works Department from 1989 through 1996, and later rejoined the City in 2000 in the Department of Parks and Recreation before moving to the Human Services Department (HSD) in 2001 as the Director for the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Ms. Taylor played a critical role in the development of the City's first environmental services work and the establishment of the Environmental Services Division while working in the Public Works Department; and

WHEREAS, in her tenure at HSD, Ms. Taylor served as the Division Manager for Children and Youth Services overseeing team of professionals providing critical services to our community's families; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor managed the Oakland Fund for Children and Youth, a voter approved grant-making fund allocating over \$19 million annually focused on the healthy development of young children, children's success in school, the prevention of violence and youth transition to a healthy adulthood; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor provided expanded investments and partnerships in support of positive educational and life outcomes for children and youth in low-income or high need communities across several areas including family engagement and supports and behavioral health consultation in early learning sites, learning and social-emotional wellness in after school and youth development programming, positive school climate and access to college, supports for immigrant students, children with special needs, homeless and vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor helped launch the City’s first Sugar Sweetened Beverage tax initiative and its associated Advisory Commission and developed strategies to address health disparities and reduce chronic disease in low-income communities; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor built strong partnerships with the Oakland Unified School District to support student attendance, and other initiatives such as restorative justice, health and wellness practices to improve school culture and educational outcomes; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor worked as a Trauma-informed System Change Initiative Resilience Working Group member supporting grassroots youth led mini-grants to address community and police relations, expanded trainings in trauma informed practice across grant programs, and led organizational transformation toward a healing framework; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor was responsible for administering and expanding the reach of the City’s child nutrition and food access work through the Summer Food Service Program at 50 community sites throughout Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor provided leadership and support over her 20-year tenure to the Oakland Youth Advisory Commission and its youth leaders’ efforts to bring issues of importance to youth to the Council including improving public safety, lowering the voting age for school board elections in Oakland, highlighting the needs of commercially exploited youth, and holding candidate forums addressing specific youth issues among many other activities; and

WHEREAS, in her work with the City, Ms. Taylor built genuine connections with community partners, public sector partners, and the youth and adult community members of the OFCY Planning and Oversight Committee and supported their work to create system change; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor has created a team culture among her staff that has led to long tenure and cohesion with a shared sense of values and mission and supported continued professional growth; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor has been a colleague who freely shares her warmth, joy, humor, deep commitment to children and youth, and striking intelligence with all around her; and

WHEREAS, her every action demonstrated her deep commitment to the work, making herself available at all hours in service to the City; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Taylor received her undergraduate degree from Stanford University and with her Masters in Public Policy from the Goldman Public Policy School at University of California, Berkeley; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland wishes to thank and honor Sandra Taylor for her leadership and commitment to the City of Oakland as well as her enduring commitment to investing in our greatest community asset -- the children and youth and families of this community-- and the City of Oakland wishes Ms. Taylor success in all future endeavors.

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

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