


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER,
COUNCIL PRESIDENT NIKKI FORTUNATO BAS, AND
COUNCILMEMBERS NOEL GALLO AND DAN KALB

RESOLUTION HONORING AND COMMENDING DORYANNA M. MORENO FOR 33 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Chief Assistant City Attorney Doryanna Moreno will retire on July 5, 2022, after more than 33 years of providing exemplary service to the residents and the City of Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno earned an undergraduate degree in Anthropology and a law degree from the University of California, Berkeley; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno joined the City Attorney's Office in 1988 as a law clerk primarily assisting city attorneys on general matters, then served as a contract attorney in 1989 advising the Departments of Parks and Recreation, Cultural Arts and other departments on general, operational matters, then began serving as a Deputy City Attorney in 1990 focusing on labor and employment matters; Oakland's public contracting programs, public records and a range of other municipal matters; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno's practice expanded to include serving many years as the primary attorney for the Parks & Recreation Department; Cultural Arts, Public Works/Department of Transportation, the Purchasing Division, Contract Compliance, the Fire Department, Building Services and the City Auditor, and Doryanna was the first attorney assigned to advise the newly created Information Technology Department and to advise on requirements of the Americans With Disabilities Act; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno began serving as the Supervisor of the Public Safety, Code Enforcement Unit in 2001 and directly worked with staff on enhancing the City's nuisance enforcement ordinances and bring effective nuisance actions against motels that allowed/facilitated drug activity and trafficking of minors, and oversaw attorneys that handled building, planning and zoning code enforcement actions, receivership matters and drug nuisance abatement, and Doryanna directly advised the Fire Department on vegetation management and the Building Department and Revenue on collections matters; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno began serving as the Supervisor of the Public Contracting and Risk Unit in 2004, supervising attorneys who advised on state law and local policies applicable to professional services and construction contracting and disputes, community and non-profit funded park, median and other improvements to City facilities, parking programs, Police and Fire Department contracts, the city's towing and storage contract, the City's garbage and recycling contracts, and continued to directly handle advice and revisions related to social equity contracting programs and disparity studies; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno began serving as the Chief Assistant City Attorney heading the Advisory Division in 2011, becoming a member of the City Attorney's Executive Management Team, and responsible for supervising supervisors in the Real Estate, Land Use, Rent & Code Enforcement and Finance & General Government Units and reviewing and providing input on work in those units, serving as parliamentarian at the public Council meetings, and responsible for advising the Council and City Clerk on the Council's Rules of Procedure, Brown Act Sunshine Ordinance and Robert's Rules of Order, and oversaw and trained other attorneys responsible for advising boards and commissions on public meeting laws and procedures; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno has worked on many major projects including working directly with the City Attorney on Oakland's first local business disparity study in the early 1990's, advising on state and locally declared emergencies and on numerous local emergency orders following the Loma Prieta Earthquake, 1991 Oakland Hills Fire and the COVID 19 pandemic, emergency contracts needed to address damages resulting from the Loma Prieta Earthquake and Hills Fire, numerous construction contracts for the rehabilitation/reconstruction of City Hall following the 1989 Loma Prieta earthquake; advising and drafting revisions to the City's local business enterprise programs following the passage of Proposition 209, which severely undercut the City's minority and women business enterprise programs, drafting ordinances to codify and better enforce the city's social equity programs and drafting the Museum of California Collection Acquisition and Disposition/Disposal Procedures Ordinance; the Debarment Ordinance, Prompt Payment Ordinance; the Border Wall Ordinance, the policy limiting contracting with the State of Arizona and numerous amendments to the Purchasing Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, in addition to the work described above, Doryanna Moreno has worked on public ethics/conflict of interest matters, public records, copyright and independent contractors, and prepared numerous opinions on charter interpretation, state and federal laws and court decisions; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno has served six mayors – Mayor Lionel Wilson, Mayor Elihu Harris, Mayor Edmund Gerald Brown, Jr., Mayor Ronald Dellums, Mayor Jean Quan and Mayor Libby Schaaf, and at least 30 councilmembers; and

WHEREAS, Doryanna Moreno expressed appreciation for the benefits and tremendous professional growth from experiences working with the many highly experienced, committed and creative attorneys in the Office of the City Attorney, and stated that she could not have met deadlines or produced professional work without the dedicated services of support staff; now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED: That the City Council hereby commends and thanks Doryanna Moreno for more than 33 years of faithful and dedicated public service to clients and the City and for Doryanna's many contributions to the public good; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council applauds Doryanna for invariably providing a reliable, steady hand and clear and concise and sound legal advice and counsel during Council meetings, in a challenging and high stakes environment; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council, the City Attorney and City Administrator and City staff greatly appreciate and express their gratitude for Doryanna Moreno's equanimity and commitment to the City, working days, nights and weekends and holidays to serve our great City, and recognize the invaluable asset that Doryanna's broad depth and breadth of expertise and Doryanna's storehouse of knowledge has been to the City; and be it

FURTHER RESOLVED: That the Council and City Attorney on behalf of the City leadership and the City of Oakland wish Doryanna success and fulfillment in the next phase of her illustrious career.

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