

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER TREVA REID

RESOLUTION HONORING EUGENIA "GINA" OLIVER FOR 26 YEARS OF DEVOTED SERVICE TO THE OAKLAND POLICE DEPARTMENT AND CONGRATULATING HER ON HER WELL-DESERVED RETIREMENT

WHEREAS, Eugenia Oliver embarked on her distinguished career in public safety on November 10, 1997, when she joined the Oakland Police Department as a Police Communications Dispatcher; and

WHEREAS, In this critical role, she became a lifeline for countless community members facing trauma, offering not just her skills but also a reassuring presence in times of crisis. Known for her consistently jovial demeanor and dedication, Eugenia quickly established herself as a vital and positive force within the department; and

WHEREAS, Eugenia's passion for excellence in public safety communications extended beyond her immediate responsibilities. As a certified training officer, she played a pivotal role in shaping the future of the division; and

WHEREAS, Through her commitment to training, she imparted her knowledge and experience to a multitude of trainees, ensuring a legacy of skilled and compassionate communicators within the department; and

WHEREAS, On October 3, 2009, Eugenia Oliver's talents and hard work were recognized with her promotion to Police Communications Supervisor. In this role, she not only mentored dispatchers but also led the tactical operations support team; and

WHEREAS, Eugenia was known for her keen focus on officer and community safety, always prioritizing the health and well-being of those she served. Eugenia's leadership skills were further acknowledged when she was promoted to Police Communications Manager on December 17, 2016. Eugenia is only the second civilian to be promoted to Police Communications Manager in the history of the Oakland Police Department. Prior to that, the Police Communications Manager position was held by a sworn member of the Department; and

WHEREAS, This period marked a challenging time for the division, as it navigated the complexities of COVID-19, staffing crises, and significant technology upgrades. Eugenia demonstrated exceptional foresight and adaptability, maintaining a focus on both the immediate and future needs of the division; and

WHEREAS, During the COVID-19 pandemic, Eugenia's innovative thinking was particularly evident. She developed creative solutions to ensure adequate staffing, balancing the urgency of the moment with the long-term needs of the division. Her relentless efforts to prioritize division staffing, without losing sight of operational needs, underscored her commitment to providing effective and dependable emergency communications services to the community; and

WHEREAS, Eugenia Oliver's career in public safety is marked by her unwavering dedication, innovative leadership, and deep commitment to community service. Through her work, she has not only helped countless individuals in moments of crisis but has also played a key role in shaping the future of emergency communications. Her legacy is one of excellence, compassion, and steadfast commitment to public safety; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the Oakland City Council does hereby honor Eugenia "Gina" Oliver for 26 years of devoted service to the Oakland police department and congratulate her on her well-deserved retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - FIFE, GALLO, JENKINS, KALB, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, REID, AND
PRESIDENT FORTUNATO BAS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

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

