


CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. _____ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE NOEL GALLO

RESOLUTION HONORING LOUIS FELICIANO FOR OVER 35 YEARS OF DEDICATED SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND AND EXTENDING BEST WISHES UPON HIS RETIREMENT FROM THE OAKLAND PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

WHEREAS, Louis Feliciano began his education in Oakland, California, in 1975 and embarked on his professional journey in 1986 while still in high school, securing a part-time job in the automotive mechanic field; and

WHEREAS, in 1987, Louis Feliciano transitioned to full-time work at Goodyear Tire Company, specializing in heavy equipment truck tires, before joining the City of Oakland in March 1990 as a provisional Heavy Equipment Service Worker; and

WHEREAS, in March 1991, Louis Feliciano was officially hired as a Heavy Equipment Service Worker, stationed at the City of Oakland's main corporation yard on Edgewater Drive, where he played a crucial role in vehicle maintenance and repair; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure, Louis Feliciano provided critical support during some of Oakland's most challenging moments, including the 1991 Oakland Hills Firestorm, where he assisted in refueling fire trucks and clearing burnt vehicles to enable emergency response teams to access affected areas; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, during the El Niño-induced Oakland Hills mudslides, Louis Feliciano was instrumental in recovering heavy equipment and vehicles immobilized by the disaster, ensuring continued city operations and response efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Louis Feliciano was promoted to Heavy Equipment Mechanic, dedicating years to maintaining the City of Oakland's street sweepers, fire trucks, ladder trucks, and tank wagons, and providing 24-hour standby support for Oakland Fire Department operations; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, during the tragic Ghost Ship Warehouse Fire, Louis Feliciano responded to an urgent call to provide fuel and mechanical support for fire trucks that had been operating for hours, ensuring uninterrupted emergency response efforts; and

WHEREAS, in 2017, Louis Feliciano stepped into a leadership role as Acting Heavy Equipment Truck and Fire Shop Supervisor, overseeing critical maintenance operations and supporting the city's emergency response needs; and

WHEREAS, during the COVID-19 pandemic from 2020 to 2023, Louis Feliciano played a vital role in ensuring the continued operation of essential city vehicles and equipment during unprecedented and challenging times; and

WHEREAS, after 35 years of unwavering dedication, professionalism, and service to the City of Oakland, Louis Feliciano has decided to retire on March 22, 2025, leaving behind a legacy of commitment, resilience, and excellence in public service; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland hereby honors and commends Louis Feliciano for his outstanding contributions to the Oakland Public Works Department, the city and its residents.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland expresses profound gratitude for his years of service, and extends heartfelt best wishes for a fulfilling and well-deserved retirement.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, HOUSTON, KAPLAN, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, AND
PRESIDENT PRO TEMPORE GALLO

NOES –

ABSENT – COUNCIL PRESIDENT JENKINS (serving as Mayor pursuant to Charter Section 303)

ABSTENTION –

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

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