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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

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## A Resolution Honoring Jim Ryugo on His Retirement

WHEREAS, Jim Ryugo started working for the City of Oakland on August 2, 1980 as an Administrative Analyst I in the Office of Parks & Recreation, Parks Department; and

WHEREAS, his first job was to implement the Community Development Block Grantfunded street tree planting program by organizing neighborhood groups, arranging sidewalk cutting and tree planting celebrations, and carrying out other duties such as enforcing the Tree Preservation Ordinance and View Preservation Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, for 24 years Jim served in the Office of Parks & Recreation in a variety of ... positions including Administrative Analyst II, Arboricultural Inspector, Management Assistant, Zone Manager, Capital Improvements Manager, and Interim OPR Director (twice), and during that time performed a range of assignments including tree inspections, personnel management, project management, volunteer management, and park and recreation program management; and

WHEREAS, for many years Jim has been recognized as having the institutional knowledge of OPR; and

WHEREAS, in 2004 when the Park Maintenance function was transferred to the Public Works Agency, Jim assumed a new position overseeing Park & Building maintenance, with the Tree Services Section added later, all the while encouraging staff to adopt environmentally friendly practices; and

WHEREAS, Jim's most memorable moments with the City include getting into print Greenstreets, the Street Tree Plan for Oakland; planting trees along the Telegraph Avenue corridor in North Oakland; responding to the Loma Prieta Earthquake, the Freeze of 1990, the Oakland Hills Fire and Y2K; carrying out Bushrod and Tassafaronga gymnasium projects; and implementing Bay-Friendly training and techniques in park maintenance; and

WHEREAS, Jim is particularly appreciated by volunteers for the encouragement, support and, through his office, assistance in implementing improvement projects for parks and medians; for his candid response to requests for information from the public; and in general for being a cheerleader and spokesman for Oakland parks volunteers; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim served on the Supervisory Committee for the Oakland Municipal Credit Union and still remains active in promoting the successor Western Federal Credit Union; and

**WHEREAS**, Jim served for eight years on the Children's Fairyland Board of **D**irectors as its **S**ecretary and continues to support this special venue for **E**ast Bay youngsters; now therefore be it

**RESOLVED:** that the Oakland City Council, with great gratitude, commends Jim Ryugo for his 33 years of City service and wishes him all the best in the years to come.

PASSED BY	THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYE <b>S</b> -	BROOKS, GALLO, KALB, KAPLAN, GIBSON MCELHANEY, REID, SCHAAF AND PRESIDENT KERNIGHAN
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	LATONDA SIMMONS City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the

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City of Oakland, California

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