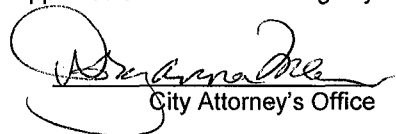


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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

### RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY COUNCIL PRESIDENT LYNETTE GIBSON MCELHANEY AND  
VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

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#### **RESOLUTION HONORING DIRECTOR JOHN SUTTER UPON HIS RETIREMENT AFTER 20 YEARS OF SERVICE ON THE EAST BAY REGIONAL PARKS BOARD AND 60 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE TO THE CITIZENS OF OAKLAND AND THE EAST BAY**

**WHEREAS**, Director John Sutter is a lifelong Oakland resident who will be retiring after two decades of service on the East Bay Regional Park District Board and after 60 years of dedicated public service; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Sutter has consistently advocated for open space, parks, environmental protections, and public services in many leadership positions including as:

- Alameda County Deputy District Attorney in 1954;
- Inaugural member of the Bay Conservation and Development Commission beginning in 1965;
- Member of the Oakland City Council from 1971 to 1982 including one term as the Vice Mayor;
- Appointed by Gov. Jerry Brown to the Alameda County Superior Court in 1982 and served until 1996; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Sutter has also served as a commissioner on a number of boards and commissions including: Alameda County Solid Waste Management Authority, Oakland Charter Revision Committee, Oakland Cultural Affairs Commission, Chabot Space and Science Center, Save the Bay, the local chapter of the Sierra Club, Metropolitan YMCA, Alameda County Bar Association, Oakland Citizens Committee for Urban Renewal (OCCUR), California Democratic Council and numerous other organizations and he continues to serve the community on the San Francisco Bay Restoration Authority; and

**WHEREAS**, as an advocate for open space and parks for most of his life, Director Sutter led several successful preservation campaigns including to protect the land around San Pablo Reservoir, near Orinda, in the 1950s, to create Martin Luther King Jr. Regional Shoreline, a 741-acre park in East Oakland with restored wetlands, picnic areas and critical habitat for migratory birds, and to save Snow Park in 1961, adjacent to Oakland's Lake Merritt, blocking efforts to develop it for commercial use; and

**WHEREAS**, Director Sutter was a founding board member and president of Greenbelt Alliance which was then known as Citizens for Regional Recreation and Parks and is the only Bay Area organization that holistically addresses land-use issues across our region—including land conservation, smart growth development, and their intersection; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland Hereby Honors John Sutter, Director on the East Bay Regional Park District Board, upon his retirement after 20 years Of service to the Board and a total of 60 years of dedicated public service to the citizens of Oakland and the East Bay.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GUILLÉN, KALB, KAPLAN, REID AND  
PRESIDENT GIBSON MCELHANEY

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
LATONDA SIMMONS  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California