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OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

Resolution No. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY VICE MAYOR ANNIE CAMPBELL WASHINGTON

**RESOLUTION HONORING THE LIFE AND LEGACY OF ANNE WOODELL AND  
RECOGNIZING HER EVERLASTING IMPACT ON THE CITY OF OAKLAND,  
ITS PARKS, AND ITS CITIZENS**

**WHEREAS**, Anne Woodell first became involved with Oakland's parks, when in 1974, then-Mayor John Reading appointed her to the Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission (PRAC) whose purpose was (and is) to report and make recommendations to Oakland's City Council on Parks and Recreation policies. Anne went on to serve on PRAC for twenty-seven years, leading the group as its Chair for twenty of them, serving as the Board's only female member at the time of her appointment; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1979, while attending a parks conference in Los Angeles, Anne learned about Friends' groups from all across the country and returned to Oakland to recruit stakeholders for the formation of the Friends of Oakland Parks and Recreation (now known as the Oakland Parks and Recreation Foundation) Board of Directors and in July 1981 Friends' incorporation papers were signed in a ceremony with Mayor Lionel Wilson; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne devoted her adult life to public and non-profit volunteer service and served for many years on the boards of Friends, Citizens for Oakland's Open Space, Children's Fairyland, Dunsmuir Hellman Historic Estate, Oakland Parks and Recreation Advisory Commission, Oakland City Stables Advisory Council, California Park and Recreation Society, Oakland East Bay Garden Center, The Hillside Gardeners on Montclair, Alameda County Historical Society, Lake Merritt Breakfast Club, to mention a few and nationally as a member on the National Parks and Recreation Board; and

**WHEREAS**, Anne was actively involved in community development and has worked on many community initiatives over the years including Measure K (1990) and Measure DD (2002). In 2009 Anne rightly received one of the City and Oakland's Parks and Recreation department's highest honors, the 56th annual Mother of the Year Award; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED**, that Anne Woodell's legacy lives on as not simply a fierce advocate for parks, bands, arts, and gardens of Oakland, but also for the citizens of Oakland.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA, \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

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

NOES -

ABSENT -

ABSTENTION -

ATTEST:

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LATONDA SIMMONS

City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the City  
of Oakland, California