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City Attorney's Office

OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION NO. 86025 C.M.S.

RESOLUTION HONORING ROCIO V. FIERRO FOR MORE THAN 26 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Supervising Deputy City Attorney Rocio V. Fierro retired on July 3, 2017, after serving the City of Oakland and its residents for more than 26 years as an attorney in the Office of the City Attorney; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro served with distinction, expertise and integrity during her tenure in the City Attorney's Office; and

WHEREAS, over her tenure, Ms. Fierro worked with six mayors, six city administrators, three city attorneys and at least eight police chiefs; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro worked with members of the Oakland City Council on public safety legislative initiatives, including the passage of local laws prohibiting prostitution, solicitation and human trafficking, banning guns in unattended vehicles and regulating medical cannabis businesses; and

WHEREAS, after joining the City Attorney's Office in 1990, Ms. Fierro successfully litigated cases, argued motions and obtained dismissals, and handled a variety of contempt proceedings, administrative hearings, appeals, mediations and settlements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro took cases to trial and advocated for the City, city officials, sworn and civilian employees in civil rights cases, premises liability, wrongful termination and employment discrimination matters; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro successfully litigated cases in state and federal court, argued motions, obtained dismissals, and handled contempt proceedings, administrative hearings, appeals and settlements; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro's service included four years as Departmental Counsel for the City's Public Works Agency, and in that role she negotiated cutting-edge maintenance agreements with Union Pacific and Caltrans and developed a homeless encampment protocol to protect the safety of the homeless and the general public; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro also handled the department's contracts, licenses and right-of-entry agreements, advised on environmental, infrastructure and transportation issues, analyzed issues regarding trees, creeks, streets, sewers, storm drains, easements/fees relative to underground projects and railroad franchises; and

WHEREAS, starting in 2005, Ms. Fierro served as Departmental Counsel for the Oakland Police Department for more than a decade, and in that role provided comprehensive legal services to the Police Department, including advice on institutional reforms and constitutional policing; and

WHEREAS, as Departmental Counsel for the Oakland Police Department, Ms. Fierro worked closely with police executives to advance best practices in policing, and advised the Department on contracts, policies, legislation and accountability measures; and

WHEREAS, as head of the City Attorney's Public Safety Unit, Ms. Fierro launched and supervised the Special Prosecution Team funded by the City Council to address quality of life crimes involving drugs, animal cruelty, prostitution, illegal dumping and graffiti; and

WHEREAS, under Ms. Fierro's supervision, the Public Safety Unit worked on nuisance liquor outlets, license suspensions, cabaret permits and violations of the City's Deemed Approved Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro filed civil actions to shut down drug houses in Oakland neighborhoods and to disrupt the criminal activity of the North Side Oakland and Norteños street gangs; and

WHEREAS, in the last year of her employment with the City of Oakland, Ms. Fierro worked with City Administration, the Fire Department, Building Services, Housing and Code Enforcement to support the efforts of city officials to make buildings and housing safer and compliant with code regulations; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro helped to update the City's emergency powers ordinances, assisted the Fire Department to draft blue alert and fire watch policies for prompt emergency responses to fires, advised on code enforcement protocols for evaluating risks; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Fierro consistently displayed great dedication to her colleagues, to the offices of the City Attorney, the City Council, the Mayor and the City Administrator, to the public safety mission of the City's police and fire departments and to the Oakland community; now, therefore be it

RESOLVED: That the City of Oakland thanks Ms. Fierro for her professionalism, equanimity under pressure, years of faithful service and many contributions to the public good.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

OCT 17 2017

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROOKS, CAMPBELL-WASHINGTON, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, ~~WATKINS~~, KALB, KAPLAN AND PRESIDENT REID - 7

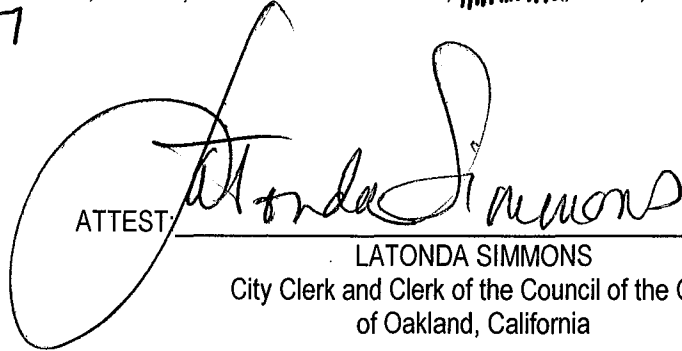
NOES - 0

ABSENT - 0

ABSTENTION - 0

Excused - Guillen - 1

ATTEST:



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