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## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL RÉSOLUTION NO. C.M.S.

INTRODUCED BY CITY ATTORNEY BARBARA J. PARKER AND CITY COUNCIL PRESIDENT REBECCA KAPLAN

## RESOLUTION HONORING PELAYO A. LLAMAS, JR. FOR 18 YEARS OF EXEMPLARY SERVICE TO THE CITY OF OAKLAND

WHEREAS, Senior Deputy City Attorney Pelayo A. Llamas, Jr. left the City Attorney's Office after 18 years of service to the residents and the City of Oakland to serve as an Alameda County Superior Court Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas has served Oakland with distinction and expertise as an attorney and as a leader in the community, and will continue his public service as an Alameda County Superior Court Commissioner; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas began his tenure in the City Attorney's Office in 1999, as a member of then City Attorney Jayne Williams' newly established Public Safety & Code Enforcement Team prosecuting vehicle forfeiture trials, nuisance abatement lawsuits and administrative hearings; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas has worked on a broad range of complex, challenging and high-profile cases and matters, including prosecution of an unfair business practices action and a false claims action; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas served as Assistant Departmental Counsel for the Oakland Police Department, providing advice on police policies and procedures, and was the lead attorney on a complex public nuisance lawsuit against a North Side Oakland gang that was responsible for homicides and many other crimes in the neighborhood; and

**WHEREAS,** Mr. Llamas worked for five years in the City Attorney's Litigation Division representing the City in state and federal court cases; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas drafted significant pieces of legislation that the City Council adopted, including but not limited to the City's ban on the use of "bull hooks" on elephants, and the Fossil Fuels Divestment Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2012, Mr. Llamas worked in private practice and as a special investigator for the San Francisco Office of Police Accountability; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, Mr. Llamas returned to the Oakland City Attorney's Office as a member of the General Government & Finance Unit, where his responsibilities included serving as counsel to the Police and Fire Retirement System Board and staff, providing advice on formation of Business Improvement Districts, serving as co-counsel to the City Council's Rules Committee, working on grant agreements including but not limited to "Kids First" and preparing legal opinions on a wide range of subjects; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas is long-time East Bay resident who graduated from El Cerrito High School, received a Bachelor of Arts in History from University of California at Berkeley, and received his law degree from Santa Clara University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas began his legal career in 1992 as an associate with the Oakland law firm Burnham Brown handling construction defect and personal injury suits, and spent virtually his entire legal career thus far in Oakland; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas has been a leader in the legal community as a five-year board member of the Alameda County Bar Association, an advisory board member of the Filipino Bar Association of Northern California, as co-chair of the Judicial Branch's Bench-Bar Coalition Executive Committee, and prior to his appointment as Court Commissioner, as the President-Elect of the Alameda County Bar Association; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Llamas' tenure in Oakland has been characterized by consummate professionalism, enthusiasm, willingness to take on new assignments and new practice areas, integrity, a commitment to justice and a positive and upbeat demeanor; now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City of Oakland thanks Alameda County Superior Court Commissioner Pelayo Llamas for his wise counsel, his equanimity under pressure, his years of faithful service and his many contributions to the public good as Deputy and then Senior Deputy City Attorney in the Oakland City Attorney's Office; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That Mayor Libby Schaaf, the Oakland City Council and City Attorney Barbara J. Parker congratulate Alameda County Superior Court Commissioner Llamas on his appointment and wish him success and fulfillment in the next phase of his distinguished career.

IN COUNCI	IL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,
PASSED B	Y THE FOLLOWING VOTE:
AYES -	BAS, GALLO, GIBSON MCELHANEY, KALB, REID, TAYLOR, THAO AND PRESIDENT KAPLAN
NOES -	
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Oakland, California