

Resolution of Commendation

Assistant City Manager and Finance Director Kingsley Okereke

WHEREAS, Kingsley Okereke began his 15-year career with the City of Garden Grove on December 15, 2003 as Finance Director. On July 5, 2014, Kingsley was concurrently appointed to Assistant City Manager; and

WHEREAS, Kingsley assisted the City Manager plan, organize, and direct the preparation, implementation, and control of the City's annual budget. In 2017, Kingsley implemented the City's biennial budget; and

WHEREAS, Kingsley oversaw the Economic Development Department from 2012 to 2015 during the dissolution of the City's redevelopment agency. He was key to protecting the City's financial interests during the dissolution process; and

WHEREAS, Included in Kingsley's many accomplishments with the City are: recognition from the Government Finance Officers Association with multiple "Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting" awards; the City's A+ bond rating; and chairing the City's Committee for Operations and Organizational Policy for 13 years, creating internal policies with management from various departments; and

WHEREAS, Kingsley's membership in professional associations include the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants; the California Society of Municipal Finance Officers; the Government Finance Officers Association, as a member of the Special Review Committee; the Association for Investment Management and Research; and the American Management Association; and

WHEREAS, The entire City staff and City Council are grateful for Kingsley's leadership, guidance, and support. After 15 years of providing excellent service to the City, family, friends, and professional colleagues wish Garden Grove's esteemed Assistant City Manager and Finance Director the best retirement has to offer.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Garden Grove does hereby recognize and commend Kingsley on the occasion of his retirement, extend deepest appreciation for his 15 years of contributions to the City and its residents, and wishes him countless fulfillment in his future years ahead.

September 25, 2018