



Resolution of the State Administrator and Board of Education of the
OAKLAND UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT

Tribute to District 3 Oakland Board of Education Member Gregory Hodge
January 8, 2001-January 5, 2009

WHEREAS, Director Gregory Hodge has served the Oakland Unified School District, the students and the residents of District 3 with distinction since taking his seat on the Board of Education in January 2001; and

WHEREAS, Director Hodge was elected by his peers, during his tenure, as both Vice-President and President of the Board of Education and provided steady leadership during a period of transition for District; and

WHEREAS, Director Hodge has a demonstrated history of service to the Oakland community both through grass roots activism and a variety of formal leadership roles such as Chief Executive Officer for California Tomorrow, an Oakland-based organization dedicated to building a strong multiracial and multicultural society; Executive Director of Safe Passages, the Oakland Child Health and Safety Initiative, an effort designed to improve and promote the health and safety of Oakland youth through community involvement and systems reform, and Executive Director of Urban Strategies, where he coordinated the youth development initiative; and

WHEREAS, the unifying purpose behind Director Hodge's many and varied contributions to the Oakland community is a deep and abiding concern for the welfare of the city's children, particularly its most vulnerable ones; and

WHEREAS, Director Hodge has applied his legal background, analytical mind, desire for reform and respect for the city's rich and diverse cultural heritage throughout his tenure as a Board member; and

WHEREAS, Director Hodge has exhibited extraordinary commitment, leadership, conviction, vision and perseverance in helping District emerge from trying times stronger and in a better position to improve the lives of the city's young people,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the State Administrator and the Board of Education of the Oakland Unified School District recognize and commend the service of Gregory Hodge to our public schools and to the city and children of Oakland.

Given under our hand and the District's seal this 17th day of December, 2008 at Oakland, California.

s/
Vincent Matthews
State Administrator
Oakland Unified School District

s/
David Kakishiba
President
Oakland Board of Education