

RESOLUTION NO. 4-2006

Adopted January 17, 2006

**COMMENDING AND EXPRESSING APPRECIATION TO
SYLVESTER MCGUIRE
FOR HIS 37 YEARS OF DEDICATED PUBLIC SERVICE
UPON THE OCCASION OF HIS RETIREMENT
FROM THE REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY OF THE
CITY AND COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO**

BASIS FOR RESOLUTION


1. Mr. Sylvester McGuire became a permanent employee with the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco ("Agency") on March 1, 1969 as Draftsman I.
2. As an Agency employee Mr. McGuire has had a series of promotions between 1971 and 2002: Community Services Representative I, Community Services Representative II, Community Services Representative III, Affirmative Action Assistant, Assistant Affirmative Action Specialist, Affirmative Action Specialist, Contract Compliance Specialist II, and Contract Compliance Specialist III.
3. In April 2005, Mr. McGuire was appointed as the acting Contract and Fiscal Services Manager, the position that he held until his retirement in December 2005.
4. Mr. McGuire is proud of his many Agency accomplishments, which included establishing programs to help people buy homes within the Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area so that they were not displaced from their communities. His efforts helped to avoid the relocation of tenants to places outside of San Francisco.
5. Mr. McGuire was instrumental in bringing in a fresh food market and grocery store in the Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Area, as well as setting up one of the first grocery store training programs in the project area. He was also instrumental in getting African Americans into the Plumbers, Carpenters and Painters Unions.
6. Mr. McGuire encouraged many skilled technicians to begin their own businesses in the project area, and he is especially proud that many are still in business today.
7. Mr. McGuire has served as a faithful union member of the San Francisco Redevelopment Agency Employee Association (SFREA) Negotiation Team and on its Executive Committee.

8. Mr. McGuire's interest in the Hunters Point community extended to his private work in the community. Through his fraternity, Alpha Phi Alpha, Mr. McGuire annually took bus loads of high school young men from Hunters Point and Western Addition to retreats in Scotts Valley, California, introducing them to African American men in various professional fields. Mr. McGuire proudly states that these students went on to San Francisco and San Jose State Universities.
9. In 1977, Mr. McGuire received commendations from the Executive Director for preparation and distribution of over 70 Christmas baskets to needy families in the Western Addition and Hunters Point Redevelopment Project Areas.
10. Mr. McGuire has received numerous letters from community members, thanking him for helping, guiding and encouraging them to push for business opportunities in their communities.
11. Mr. McGuire will be missed by his many friends and colleagues at the Agency. We all hope that Mr. McGuire will enjoy more time with his outside interests that include golfing.

RESOLUTION

ACCORDINGLY, IT IS RESOLVED that the Redevelopment Agency of the City and County of San Francisco, on behalf of its past and present Commissioners, Executive Directors and employees, recognizes Mr. Sylvester McGuire's dedicated public service to the City and County of San Francisco and expresses appreciation for his many contributions and a sincere wish for his success and happiness in his retirement and all of his future endeavors.

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



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