

# Proclamation

Issued By The Mayor

## Honoring Keith R. Cooke for His 27 Years of Service

**WHEREAS**, Keith R. Cooke began his 27-year career with the City of San Leandro's Engineering and Transportation Department in 1994 as an Associate Engineer. He was then promoted to Senior Engineer and subsequently served as Principal Engineer for 12 years. He has led the department as Director since 2015, and is now ready to retire; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith is a former President of the Public Works Officers Department of the League of California Cities; and was honored with the League's prestigious 2017 James L. Martin Award, in recognition of his significant contributions to the profession; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith is a long-standing member of a nationally esteemed fraternal organization, Omega Psi Phi. He upholds their motto of "Friendship is Essential to the Soul" and through his dedicated service in this organization, has mentored and impacted the lives of many young African American men in the Oakland and San Leandro communities; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith leaves the City of San Leandro with a long legacy of design and engineering contributions. Among them are his work to secure \$30M in Measure BB funds for San Leandro to improve road pavement conditions, add bicycle lanes, and enhance pedestrian crossings; and

**WHEREAS**, Keith's lasting legacy of dedication and passion for public service will be remembered, as will his commitment to providing the highest level of service to the City of San Leandro.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, I, Pauline Russo Cutter, Mayor of the City of San Leandro, do hereby honor Keith R. Cooke for his 27 years of exceptional service and wish him the best of luck in retirement.

**IN WITNESS WHEREOF**, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the City of San Leandro to be affixed this 6<sup>th</sup> day of December 2021.

