

Resolution
Commending
Les Jones
Assistant City Manager

- WHEREAS, Les Jones' service to the City and community of Garden Grove commenced in 1976 in the City Manager's Office where he was employed as a part-time intern after graduating from California State University, Fullerton; and
- WHEREAS, Over the next seven years, he was duly promoted to full-time positions in the Police, Community Development, and Human Services Departments; and
- WHEREAS, In 1983, Les left the City to expand his service capacity in the cities of Coronado, Los Altos, and Huntington Beach, then re-establishing his commitment to Garden Grove in 1998 as Public Works Director; and
- WHEREAS, During his tenure as Public Works Director, he spearheaded the first Public Works Open House, which has become an annual community celebration of the various divisions in the Department and the men and women who proudly serve in them; and
- WHEREAS, His unyielding support of the Sister City Association led to efforts resulting in a City delegation traveling to Anyang, South Korea for the first time in 12 years, thus helping to harmoniously bridge the two cities together; and
- WHEREAS, As head coach of the Customer Service Coaches Committee, his preeminent leadership leaves indelible marks throughout the City's new employee customer service training program; and
- WHEREAS, His charitable work for the Acacia Adult Day Services and the Lions Club of Garden Grove are prime examples of his caring and thoughtful personality that complement his genuine down-to-earth nature; and
- WHEREAS, In the span of 32 career service years, 17 with the City of Garden Grove, Les Jones escalated from an apprentice, to model employee, to mentor, solidifying his presence as an experienced leader and valued colleague.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby venerably honor Les Jones on the occasion of his retirement, extending its sincerest appreciation for his invaluable contributions to the City and its residents, and wishing him abundant success and joy in his future endeavors.

(council signatures)

December 9, 2008