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MEMORANDUM

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR &
CITY COUNCIL

FROM: Henry L. Gardner

SUBJECT: BUDGET DIRECTOR APPOINTMENT **DATE:** August 28, 2014

INFORMATION

I am pleased to announce the appointment of Ms. Kiran Bawa as Budget Director for the City of Oakland, effective September 3, 2014. Ms. Bawa has over 20 years of private and public sector experience, including fifteen years of financial management and policy development experience focused on budgeting, forecasting and grants management. Most recently, Ms. Bawa served as the Manager of Capital Planning & Grants at AC Transit, responsible for the development and management of AC Transit's Capital Budget worth over \$500 million. In this role, she pursued innovative funding opportunities that enabled the agency to expand its services and fund key capital projects including East Bay Bus Rapid Transit and Fleet Replacement by working closely with various regional funding partners.

Prior to her role at AC Transit, Ms. Bawa served as a Principal Financial Analyst and a Senior Budget & Operations Analyst at City of Oakland in the City Administrator's Budget Office. In these positions, she was a key contributor to the FY 2007-09 and 2009-11 Operating Policy, Oakland Redevelopment Agency and Capital Improvement Budgets, respectively. In addition, she was responsible for developing and managing the budgets of the then-Community & Economic Development Agency (CEDA) and the then-Oakland Redevelopment Agency (ORA). Ms. Bawa also brings private sector experience from MSCI Barra, a Morgan Stanley company delivering risk management systems for strategic investment decisions with a focus on global financial analysis and business review.

Ms. Bawa, a long-time resident of Oakland, holds a Bachelor of Arts in Economics (with honors) from Mills College and has earned numerous certifications and affiliations throughout her career. She is a graduate of Leadership Oakland Class of 2014 and the ENO Executive Transit Management Program in 2013.

Please join me in congratulating Kiran on her appointment and thanking Sarah Schlenk in serving as Interim Budget Director during this period of transition.

Respectfully submitted,

/s/
HENRY L. GARDNER
Interim City Administrator