

06-14-17E

**RESOLUTION RECOGNIZING THE EXEMPLARY SERVICE OF EXECUTIVE  
DIRECTOR SAUNDRA ROSS JOHNSON WITH THE CITY OF CAMDEN  
REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY**

**Whereas**, the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency (CRA) is charged with the duty of redevelopment throughout the City of Camden; and

**Whereas**, Sandra Ross Johnson (“Sandy”) is retiring from the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency effective June 30, 2017, following a dedicated period of service commencing in 2009; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Johnson oversaw the completion of 40 development projects totaling nearly \$2 billion of land use development and contributed significantly to the generation of new revenue through grants totaling more than \$170 million supporting expansion in housing development, brownfields development, and other areas, including funds from President Barack Obama’s American Recovery Reinvestment Act, the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development’s Neighborhood Stabilization II Program and CHOICE Neighborhoods Initiative, and several U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) programs; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Johnson has demonstrated commitment to executing Mayor Dana Redd’s vision through service on the Business Growth and Development Team and the Redevelopment Team and as a member of the Camden County Chamber of Commerce and the Urban Land Institute; and

**Whereas**, during Ms. Johnson’s tenure, CRA has been the recipient of several awards, including the Phoenix Award from the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, Smart Growth Awards, and the Tri-County Economic Development Summit Award; and

**Whereas**, prior to this appointment, Ms. Johnson served in the Governor of Delaware’s cabinet as the director of the Delaware State Housing Authority. In this position, Ms. Johnson was responsible for the Housing Mortgage Finance Agency, community planning and development, and Delaware’s nationally ranked high-performing housing authority; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Johnson prepared to meet the challenges of her work by earning a Bachelor of Arts, Master of Arts, and Juris Doctorate and is a graduate Fellow of the Harvard University–Kennedy School of Government Senior Executive Leadership and the Women in Leadership Programs; and

**Whereas**, Ms. Johnson infused her responsibilities with creativity, diligence, and passion; and

**Whereas**, it is appropriate from time to time for CRA to honor those individuals who have served the City of Camden with dedication and distinction,

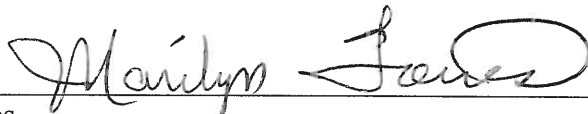
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Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved by the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency that Sandra Ross Johnson is hereby commended for her long and distinguished service and that best wishes are extended on her retirement.

ON MOTION OF: Ian K. Leonard

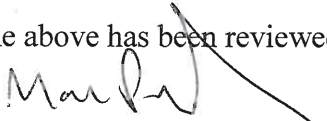
SECONDED BY: Maria Sharma

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Marilyn Torres	✓		
Sheila Davis			
Vance Bowman	✓		
Ian Leonard	✓		
Javier Ramos	✓		
Maria Sharma	✓		

  
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Marilyn Torres  
Chairperson

ATTEST:   
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Sandra Ross Johnson  
Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

  
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Mark P. Asselta, Esq., Board Counsel