

**THE CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT
AGENCY
RESOLUTION SUMMARY**

Executive Office

Resolution No.: 09-08-21A

Resolution Title:

***CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY
RESOLUTION IN MEMORIAM OF
MARTIN F. McKERNAN, Jr.
(1945 - 2021)***

Project Summary:

NIA

Purpose of Resolution:

To recognize distinguished service.

Award Process:

NIA

Cost Not To Exceed:

NIA

Total Project Cost:

NIA

Source of Funds:

NIA

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**CITY OF CAMDEN REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY RESOLUTION
IN MEMORIAM OF
MARTIN F. McKERNAN, JR.
(1945 - 2021)**

WHEREAS Martin F. McKernan, Jr., beloved Counselor of Law and distinguished public servant entered into eternal life on August 3, 2021; and

WHEREAS Counselor McKernan's love for New Jersey and the practice of law brought his impact to practically every sector of life in the Garden State where he served as legal counsel for the Diocese of Camden for decades, as a trustee for Cooper Medical School of Rowan University, as the attorney of record for the Camden County Board of Social Services, as Chairman of the Board of Trustees of the Camden Free Public Library, as a Commissioner of the Camden County Municipal Utilities Authority, and as Camden's youngest City Attorney among a myriad of other support and advisory roles in addition to his professional law duties and;

WHEREAS Counselor McKernan is especially fondly remembered as a leading figure in the formation of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency who contributed significantly to the redevelopment of the City of Camden and;

WHEREAS in serving with passion and diligence, Counselor McKernan was vigilant in supporting the CRA mission: *to seize opportunities to organize and implement development and investment activities across the City that generate social and economic benefits for Camden residents and businesses for years to come;* and

WHEREAS CRA periodically honors the distinguished service of individuals who dedicate their lives to serving the public with honor, integrity, and high professional standards,

Now, therefore, be it resolved that the governing body of the City of Camden Redevelopment Agency salutes Martin F. McKernan, Jr. for his contributions to and love for the City of Camden, and mourns his passing with this Resolution and with the poem *I Dreamed in a Dream* by Walt Whitman, another who lived, worked, and played in Camden:

*"I dream'd in a dream I saw a city invincible to the attacks of the
Whole of the rest of the earth,
I dream'd that was the new city of Friends,
Nothing was greater there than the quality of robust love, it led the rest,
It was seen every hour in the actions of the men of that city,
All in their looks and words. "*

Be it further resolved that this expression of sincere regret and sympathy is extended to the family and friends of Martin F. McKernan, Jr. for the loss of their loved one and offers the hope that they will be consoled by the memories of his life and achievements.

Marilyn Torres

Marilyn Torres
Chair, Board of Commissioners



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Direct

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ON MOTION OF: **Gilbert Harden, Sr.**

SECONDED BY: **Ian K. Leonard**

COMMISSIONER	AYES	NAYS	ABSTENTIONS
Derek Davis	X		
Gilbert Harden, Sr.	X		
Ian K. Leonard	X		
Jose Javier Ramos	X		
Maria Sharma	X		
Marilyn Torres	X		

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Chairperson

ATTEST:



Olivette Simpson
Interim Executive Director

The above has been reviewed and approved as to form.

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