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**Council File Number**

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**Title**

LITTLE ETHIOPIA

**Subject**

Motion - The City of Los Angeles comprises a variety of communities that make up our rich existence as a multi-cultural metropolis. The City has recognized this for many years and has periodically designated certain geographic areas with names based upon historical significance, current cultural attributes, location and other unique characteristics. Within Council District Ten on Fairfax Avenue between Pico Boulevard and Olympic Boulevard there is a large recent influx of Ethiopian identity businesses and residents. In fact most, if not all of the businesses in this area are owned and operated by people of Ethiopian cultural identity. Several residents, community members, and community organizations have requested the City to officially designate a specific area as "Little Ethiopia." There has been overwhelming support by the community and a commitment to work towards the positive development of the area, once designated as "Little Ethiopia." In order to proceed with this designation, action is needed to approve it and to direct the Department of Public Works (Bureau of Engineering) and Department of Transportation to provide the necessary resources to implement the designation of "Little Ethiopia." THEREFORE MOVE that Fairfax Avenue between Pico boulevard and Olympic Boulevard in Council District Ten be designated as "Little Ethiopia." FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Public Works be directed to implement the designation of "Little Ethiopia." FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be instructed to design and install signs at appropriate locations in order to identify "Little Ethiopia."

**Last Change Date**

08/12/2002

**Council District**

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**Mover**

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