

COUNCIL FILE NO. 09-2666

COUNCIL DISTRICT NO. 13 ✓

APPROVAL FOR ACCELERATED PROCESSING DIRECT TO CITY COUNCIL

The attached Council File may be processed directly to Council pursuant to the procedure approved June 26, 1990, (CF 83-1075-S1) without being referred to the Public Works Committee because the action on the file checked below is deemed to be routine and/or administrative in nature:

- } A. Future Street Acceptance.
- } B. Quitclaim of Easement(s).
- } C. Dedication of Easement(s).
- } D. Release of Restriction(s).
- } E. Request for Star in Hollywood Walk of Fame.
- } F. Brass Plaque(s) in San Pedro Sport Walk.
- } G. Resolution to Vacate or Ordinance submitted in response to Council action.
- } H. Approval of plans/specifications submitted by Los Angeles County Flood Control District.

APPROVAL/DISAPPROVAL FOR ACCELERATED PROCESSING:

- | | APPROVED | DISAPPROVED* | |
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| 1. | _____ | _____ | Council Office of the District |
| 2. | _____ | _____ | Public Works Committee Chairperson |

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Please return to Council Index Section, Room 615 City Hall

City Clerk Processing:

Date _____ notice and report copy mailed to interested parties advising of Council date for this item.

Date _____ scheduled in Council.

AFTER COUNCIL ACTION:

_____ } Send copy of adopted report to the Real Estate Section, Development Services Division, Bureau of Engineering (Mail Stop No. 515) for further processing.

_____ } Other: _____

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ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - E

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles, California

To the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members:

OCT 28 2009

C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street - Walk of Fame Additional Name in Terrazzo Sidewalk –
JUDGE JOSEPH WAPNER

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the City Council designate the unnumbered location situated one sidewalk square southerly of and between numbered locations 53J and 54j as shown on Sheet 19 of Plan D-13788 for the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the installation of the name of Judge Joseph Wapner at 6922 Hollywood Boulevard.
- B. Inform the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce of the Council's action on this matter.
- C. That this report be adopted prior to the date of the ceremony on November 12, 2009.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No General Fund Impact. All cost paid by permittee.

TRANSMITTALS:

- 1. Unnumbered communication dated October 22, 2009, from the Hollywood Historic Trust of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, biographical information and excerpts from the minutes of the Chamber's meeting with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame the name of Judge Joseph Wapner. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009 at 11:30 a.m.

The communicant's request is in accordance with City Council action of October 18, 1978, under Council File No. 78-3949. Following the Council's action of approval, and upon proper application and payment of the required fee, an installation permit can be secured at 201 N. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor, Counter 23.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "L. M. Paco", is enclosed within a hand-drawn oval. A thin line extends from the left side of the oval, crossing over the text below.

Lemuel M. Paco, P.E.
Central District Engineer
Bureau of Engineering

sm: Wapner.02
(213)482-7055

cc: Construction Services Center, Counter 23
Bureau of Street Services
Administration



October 22, 2009

Mr. Gary L. Moore
Public Works Engineering
Att: Lemuel Paco
201 N. Figueroa, 3rd Floor, M.S. 503
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Dear Mr. Moore,

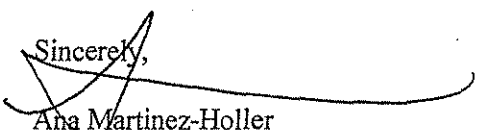
The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has approved the below listed name for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

JUDGE JOSEPH WAPNER- (Category -TELEVISION) Requested star location to be 6922 Hollywood Blvd., south side of the street. The star for JUDGE JOSEPH WAPNER will be placed in the second row next to the original row closest to the property . The stars situated in the original row where his star is near are JAMES CRUZE (53J) to the east and THE HARLEM GLOBETROTTERS (54j) to the west. According to sheet #19 plan 13788, JUDGE JOSEPH WAPNER'S star has no designated number. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, November 12, 2009, at 11:30 a.m.

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to a response from your office soon.

The following materials are enclosed: JUDGE JOSEPH WAPNER'S bio and the Board of Director's Minutes.

Sincerely,


Ana Martinez-Holler
Vice President, Media Relations

cc:

Mayor A. Villaraigosa
Carmine Goglia
Council Pres. Garcetti
Top End Const.
Sally Castro

Topher Best
S. McClellan
Inspect. Owen
Ralph Pipes
Leron Gubler

Tom Brown
Stu Billett
Sgt. Mike Arminio

Hollywood Chamber of Commerce
EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

February 13, 2007

ACTION NOTES

Attending: Jeff Briggs, chair; Johnny Grant, Earl Lestz, Mark Panatier, Elizabeth Peterson, Steve Tronson. Staff: Gubler, Lindgren

Chairman Jeff Briggs called the meeting to order at 7:45 a.m. The following significant items were discussed:

2. Johnny Grant moved and Elizabeth Peterson seconded to approve the following persons for Walk of Fame stars: Roger Moore, Mark Harmon, Judge Joe Wapner, and Forest Whitaker. Motion passed.

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One of Hollywood's own home town heroes, Judge Joseph A. Wapner was born in Los Angeles on November 15, 1919 to Max and Faye Wapner. Wapner's father was a Los Angeles attorney who occasionally appeared on the TV show, "Divorce Court."

Although he is best known for his 13 years presiding on the hit television show "The People's Court," Judge Wapner's distinguished career spans more than half a century and includes a military career, judicial career, entertainment career and participation in many philanthropic organizations.

A native of Los Angeles, California, Joseph Wapner is a product of the city's public school system graduating from Hollywood High School in 1937 before attending the University of Southern California, where he received a Bachelors Degree in Philosophy in 1941. He entered the US Army in 1942, and distinguished himself in the Pacific Theater, earning three Battle Stars, the Bronze Star for Bravery and a Purple Heart which was awarded after he was shot in the foot and back while saving a man's life in combat. After the Allied victory, he was honorably discharged with the rank of First Lieutenant.

Home from the war, he returned to USC, where he studied law and graduated with an LL.B in 1948. He entered private

practice the next year and quickly established himself as a legal talent to watch. This led to his being named to the Los Angeles Municipal Court in 1961; two years later, he was elevated to Los Angeles County Superior Court where he presided for eighteen years. During this time, Wapner served as Presiding Judge for two consecutive years. He initiated many reforms to the California Judicial system which helped the courts process cases faster and more efficiently. Wapner also served as President of the California Judges Association and as a member of the California Judicial Council.

For many people, this outstanding career would have been enough, but Judge Wapner went on to become the most famous Judge in America when he was named as the first presiding Judge of "The People's Court" in 1981, a Ralph Edwards/Stu Billett Production.

Wapner was recommended for the job by a fellow jurist and close friend who was a friend of both Wapner and Edwards. For the next dozen years (and 2,484 episodes) his combination of common sense and legal knowledge played a large part in making "The People's Court" the gold standard of courtroom TV.

Wapner reflected on his groundbreaking experience on "The People's Court" as a gratifying instrument of education and is

proud the show is still an enduring force in the ever-changing landscape of syndicated television. Wapner relished his tenure on the bench explaining, "It was a happy marriage of my love of the law and the entertainment profession." The combination of Wapner's charisma and take charge attitude launched "The People's Court" into an overnight sensation and was the beginning of a whole new genre of courtroom TV shows that still exists today.

Wapner retired from the bench of "The People's Court" in 1993, but was asked to come out of retirement once again to preside over Animal Planet's "Judge Wapner's Animal Court" which ran from 1995 to 1998.

He is also the author of the critically acclaimed book *A View From the Bench*.

Outside the courtroom, Judge Wapner has been called upon to speak at many prestigious institutions including Harvard Law School, Yale University and the University of Texas Law School. In addition, he has accepted accolades from numerous bar and legal associations including the Philadelphia Bar Association, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, the California Judges Association, the Oregon State Bar Association, and more. Judge Wapner has served on the boards of many philanthropic

organizations including the American Cancer Society, United Jewish Welfare Fund, American Jewish University, and he was a founding member of the Coalition for Justice. Wapner also served six years as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of Brandeis-Bardin Institute and oversaw the massive reconstruction of the campus after the 1994 Northridge earthquake.

Judge Wapner lives in Los Angeles with his wife of 63 years. Mickey Wapner, a former Assistant to the Dean of the Graduate School of Architecture and Urban Planning at the University of California at Los Angeles, is the author of two books *Women at Risk of Heart Attack* and *From Home to Home and Back Again – a Memoir*. They have three children—sons Fred and David, and a daughter Sarah. Sarah is a teacher's assistant at a private school and both of Wapner's sons followed their father into the legal profession: Fred is a Los Angeles County Superior Court Judge and David is the Director of the US/Israel Science and Technology Commission.