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Judge Delbert E. Wong dedicated his entire life to public service. He was a champion for civil rights, equality and integrity as an individual and as a judge.

Delbert E. Wong (May 17, 1920 - March 10, 2006) was a man of firsts. He was the first Chinese American graduate of Stanford Law School, the first Asian American to serve the California State Legislature as deputy legislative counsel, and the first Asian American to be Deputy State Attorney General. Most notably, his appointment as a judge for the Los Angeles County Municipal Court made him the first Chinese American in the contiguous United States to serve as judge. He later advanced to State Superior Court, where he served for over two decades.

Judge Wong was deeply committed to country and community. Before attending law school, he fought in World War II with the Army Air Corps earning the Distinguished Flying Cross and four Air Medals for his bravery, flying 30 missions. In his later years, he and his wife Dolores, made significant contributions to legal, social service and cultural organizations such as the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, the Chinatown Service Center, the Chinese American Museum, the Chinese American Citizens Alliance and the Friends of the Chinatown Library.

In recognition of Judge Delbert E. Wong's remarkable career and service to the nation, the State and our community, it is appropriate that the City honor his memory by naming the intersection at Hill Street and Ord Street, as "**Judge Delbert E. Wong Square.**"

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Hill Street and Ord Street be named as "**Judge Delbert E. Wong Square**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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