

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



RESOLUTION

The Hollywood Sign

WHEREAS, the Hollywood Sign is celebrating its 90th anniversary this year with festivities on September 19, 2013 organized by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce and the Hollywood Sign Trust; and

WHEREAS, this iconic landmark in the City of Los Angeles is situated at an elevation of 1,578 feet, on the southern side of Mount Lee in Griffith Park, north of the Mulholland Highway and to the south of Forest Lawn Cemetery; and

WHEREAS, the Hollywood Sign was first erected in 1923 by the Hollywoodland Real Estate Group and read "Hollywoodland," advertising the new housing development in the hills above the Hollywood district of Chinatown; and

WHEREAS, the original sign stood 30 feet wide per letter and 50 feet high. It was studded with about 4,000 light bulbs and was spot lit to attract more attention. While the Sign was only intended to last a year and a half, after the rise of the American cinema in Los Angeles during the Golden Age of Hollywood, the Sign became an internationally recognized symbol and was left up; and

WHEREAS, in 1949, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce entered a contract with the City of Los Angeles Parks Department to repair and rebuild the sign after extensive damage and deterioration. The contract stipulated that "Land" be removed so that the sign would read "Hollywood" to reflect the district, and not the housing development; and

WHEREAS, the Hollywood Sign was named official Historical Monument #111 by the City's Cultural Heritage Board in 1973 after Gloria Swanson sponsored another makeover that same year; and

WHEREAS, five years later in 1978, the Hollywood Sign underwent another restoration. However, it was decided that this time, it would be completely rebuilt with new letters of steel. The campaign was a success in large part due to Hugh Hefner, founder of *Playboy Magazine*, who threw a lavish fundraiser for the rebuilding costs. Celebrities and community leaders sponsored individual letters; and

WHEREAS, the old Hollywood Sign was demolished, and for the first time in more than 50 years, Angelenos were without the monument for three months. The new Sign, four stories high, 450 feet long and weighing 480,000 pounds, was unveiled on the Sign's 75th anniversary on November 14, 1978, before a live television audience of 60 million people; and

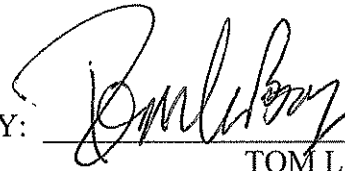
WHEREAS, in November 2005, the Hollywood Sign Trust teamed up with BayCal Painting and Red Diamond Coating to provide the Hollywood Sign with its first major refurbishment in a decade; and

WHEREAS, in February of 2010, with the support of the City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Sign Trust, The Trust for Public Land covered the sign with a large banner reading "SAVE THE PEAK," in an effort to raise money to purchase the surrounding land. Thousands of people in California contributed to the effort led by the Trust including the Tiffany & Co. Foundation, philanthropist Aileen Getty, and Hugh Hefner, who stepped forward to donate the final amount needed, to purchase the 138 acres of land to the west of the Sign, protecting its stunning view. After the purchase, the parcel of land on Cahuenga Peak became part of the nearby Griffith Park as an extension; and

WHEREAS, the Hollywood Sign is an international icon and has been imitated all over the world. As a symbol of the City of Los Angeles, the sign serves as an inspiration. Its impact on our beloved City is great and it is Hollywood's biggest star:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, we hereby salute the HOLLYWOOD SIGN on its 90th anniversary. This former real estate billboard went on to become one of the world's most recognizable and evocative icons. We thank all those involved in protecting and maintaining this cultural monument. You are all truly Angels in the City of Angels! #90 in the program - #1 in our hearts!

PRESENTED BY:


TOM LABONGE

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:


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RESOLUTION

William D. Sutton
Los Angeles Police Department
Air Support Division
Police Captain II, Serial No. 22626

WHEREAS, Captain Sutton joined the Los Angeles Police Department on August 25, 1980, and steadily rose through the ranks working a variety of assignments during his 33-year career; and

WHEREAS, as a Police Officer II, Captain Sutton was assigned to North Hollywood Area, Jail Division, and Newton Area. On November 14, 1982, while still at Newton Area, Captain Sutton was promoted to Police Officer III. In this capacity, he worked Patrol and Vice, and then transferred to Planning and Research Division. In 1988, Captain Sutton became a member of the distinguished "B" Platoon in Metropolitan Division, receiving numerous commendations for arresting numerous armed suspects and recovering a significant amount of weapons, drugs, and money; and

WHEREAS, on September 9, 1990, Captain Sutton was promoted to the rank of Sergeant I. As such, he was assigned to West Los Angeles and Southwest Areas. In 1994, he became a Sergeant II and was assigned to Internal Affairs Division and Operations-South Bureau where he was commended for the development and implementation of a plan to maintain control of the lawlessness after the civil unrest outbreak in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, on February 15, 1998, Captain Sutton was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant I and was assigned to Harbor Area as a watch commander. Two years later, Captain Sutton was promoted to Lieutenant II and transferred to the Office of the Chief of Staff, where he served as the Adjutant; and

WHEREAS, on December 31, 2000, Captain Sutton promoted to Captain I and became the Commanding Officer of West Valley Operations Support Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 31, 2002, Captain Sutton was promoted to the rank of Captain II and assigned to Continuing Education Division, South Traffic Division, LAX Field Services Division, and Valley Traffic Division; and

WHEREAS, on January 2, 2011, Captain Sutton became the Commanding Officer of Air Support Division, where he oversees aerial patrol operations covering four hundred and sixty-five square miles. The aerial police patrols are conducted twenty-four hours a day, seven days a week. Air Support Division helicopters provide protection to the community and significant

assistance to police officers on the ground. The helicopters are force multipliers enabling a police force of 10,000 officers to effectively police approximately 4,000,000 residents:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Los Angeles by adoption of this Resolution congratulates Police Captain II William D. Sutton for his 33 years of loyal service and dedication to the Los Angeles Police Department and commends him for his commitment to duty and professionalism in serving the people of the City of Los Angeles. On behalf of the City of Los Angeles, best wishes are extended to William D. Sutton as he embarks on his new career as a retiree.

PRESENTED BY:



TOM LABONGE

Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION
ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE, LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, we are proud to honor the contributions of ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES on its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES, formerly the Asian Pacific American Legal Center, founded in 1983, is the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES serves more than 15,000 individuals and organizations each year through direct services, litigation, policy advocacy and leadership development; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES provides legal information, counseling and representation to individuals who speak little or no English; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES assists low-income and limited English-speaking survivors of domestic violence with family law and immigration services, including helping them obtain restraining orders, child custody, and support orders; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES helps create a more equitable society by empowering and informing Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities; and

WHEREAS, ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES has given the Asian American, Native Hawaiian, and Pacific Islander communities a political voice by creating the Voter's Engagement Project to educate and mobilize voters; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby commends ASIAN AMERICANS ADVANCING JUSTICE – LOS ANGELES for its advocacy on behalf of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders, and for fostering a more fair and just society.

Presented by: _____

PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by: _____

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RESOLUTION



"Drive 4 Pledges Day"

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles holds the health and safety of its teenagers and adults as a chief concern; and

WHEREAS, AT&T is working to spread the word about the dangers of texting and driving. AT&T's "It Can Wait" campaign focuses on educating the public—especially teens—on the dangers of driving; and

WHEREAS, those who send text messages while driving are 23 times more likely to be in a crash. More than 98 percent of American commuters know sending a text or email while driving is not safe; and

WHEREAS, nearly 50 percent of commuters text while behind the wheel. More than 40 percent of commuters who text while driving reported the activity as being a habit; and

WHEREAS, a driver that sends a text message while driving not only jeopardizes his or her safety, but also the safety of passengers, pedestrians, and other drivers; and

WHEREAS, through ItCanWait.com, Facebook, text-to-pledge and tweet-to-pledge events more than 2 million people have committed to never text and drive; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby declare September 19, 2013 as "Drive 4 Pledges Day" in the City of Los Angeles and encourages all its residents to take the pledge and refrain from texting while driving.

Adopted: September 17, 2013

PRESENTED BY:


MITCHELL ENGLANDER
Councilmember, 12th District

CO-PRESENTER:


MICHAEL BONIN
Councilmember, 11th District

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SECONDED BY:

All Council Members

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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

RESOLUTION
LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY

WHEREAS, we are proud to honor the contributions of the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY on its 30th anniversary; and

WHEREAS, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY was founded in 1983 by Teri Merrill-Aarons with the assistance of a group of musicians and jazz lovers committed to elevating the image of jazz and artists in the community; and

WHEREAS, in 1993, under the guidance of David L. Abell, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY grew and became increasingly focused on jazz education for young people; and

WHEREAS, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY initiated the Jazz in Schools program to provide free interactive jazz education performances by professional musicians in elementary schools during the month of February, Black History Month; and

WHEREAS, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY presents multi-cultural and interactive in-school and off-campus jazz education programs; and

WHEREAS, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY established the Mentorship Program in order to provide opportunities for selected music students in public schools to receive free training in advanced music techniques from professional musicians; and

WHEREAS, the mission of the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY is to excite, educate and engage public school students with the vibrant rhythms and sounds of jazz music; and

WHEREAS, through its many programs and the volunteer efforts of its members, the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY has contributed immeasurably to the cultural fabric of our great City and enriched the lives of our residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby commends the LOS ANGELES JAZZ SOCIETY for promoting and honoring the legacy of jazz and ensuring its future by identifying and nurturing the emerging jazz musicians of tomorrow.

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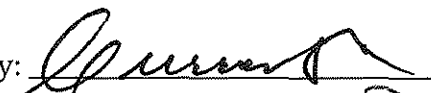
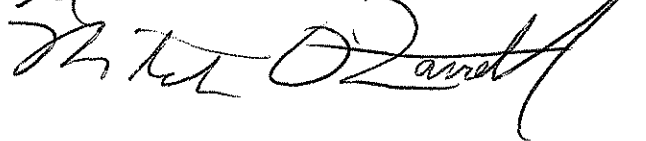
Presented by:



PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by:

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RESOLUTION

**Captain Beatrice Girmala
Los Angeles Police Department**

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala is a 22 year veteran of the Los Angeles Police Department, and a lifelong resident of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala attended school in the Hollywood area, graduated from Immaculate Heart High School, and continued her higher education at the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA); and

WHEREAS, she was a member of the scholastic honor society Alpha Lambda Delta, and studied political science, public administration, and public law; and

WHEREAS, she graduated with honors, Magna Cum Laude, and a Bachelors of Arts degree in the discipline of Political Science; and

WHEREAS, In 1985, Beatrice Girmala proudly joined the Los Angeles Police Department, and was first assigned to Pacific Division; and

WHEREAS, upon completion of probation, she was assigned to Van Nuys Division, and then Southeast patrol; and

WHEREAS, In 1988, when a field training officer position opened at Hollywood Division, and Captain Girmala felt that she could genuinely give back and positively influence change in that community, and dedicated eight years to Hollywood patrol; and,

WHEREAS, In 1997, Captain Girmala achieved the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to Central Division where the challenging Skid Row was an outstanding supervisory training ground, and presented her with the opportunity to mature as a leader in a unique environment; and

WHEREAS, the lessons learned were extremely important and formative, as Captain Girmala continued her career as a sergeant in Pacific Division; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala returned to Hollywood Division in 1999, first as a field sergeant, and then as an Assistant Watch Commander, Sergeant II; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala was involved in a variety of programs, including Operation Neighborhood Enhancement, Project Restore Hollywood, and Homeless Outreach, all of which were aimed at changing the landscape of Hollywood in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, In 2003, Beatrice Girmala was recognized by the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce as a "Woman of Distinction," receiving that honor for her efforts in Hollywood Area; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala was promoted to the rank of lieutenant, and assignment to Hollenbeck Division as a watch commander, and then watch commander in Central Division; and

WHEREAS, In 2006, she completed Command Development School with the aspiration to take on additional responsibilities in the future. The opportunity came on April 30, 2007, with her promotion to Captain and assignment to Devonshire Division; and

WHEREAS, Beatrice Girmala was sent to Hollywood as a patrol captain in 2008, and then was named area commanding officer of Hollywood later that year; and

WHEREAS, Chief Charlie Beck has promoted Captain Beatrice Girmala to Commander on September 5th, 2013:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles congratulates Captain Beatrice Girmala on her tireless commitment to the City, and for always protecting and serving the residents in the City of Angels.

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Mitch O'Farrell
MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 12th District

Presented by:

Tom Labonge
TOM LABONGE
Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded by:

Bernard C. Parker
All Members

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RESOLUTION
National Recovery Month
“Join the Voices for Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness”
September 2013

WHEREAS, behavioral health is an essential part of health and one’s overall wellness; and

WHEREAS, prevention of mental and/or substance use disorders works, treatment is effective, and people recover in Los Angeles and around the nation; and

WHEREAS, preventing and overcoming mental and/or substance use disorders is essential to achieving healthy lifestyles, both physically and emotionally; and

WHEREAS, we must encourage relatives and friends of people with mental and/or substance use disorders to implement preventive measures, recognize the signs of a problem, and guide those in need to appropriate treatment and recovery support services; and

WHEREAS, in 2011, 2.3 million people aged 12 or older received specialty treatment for a substance use disorder and 31.6 million adults aged 18 or older received mental health services, according to the *2011 National Survey on Drug Use and Health*. Given the serious nature of this public health problem, we must continue to reach the millions more who need help; and

WHEREAS, educating each other and the community about mental and/or substance use disorders and recovery is essential to combat misconceptions, reduce stigma, and protect people in recovery from discrimination; and

WHEREAS, to help more people achieve and sustain long-term recovery, the City of Los Angeles, the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, and the White House Office of National Drug Control Policy, invite all residents in Los Angeles to participate in National Recovery Month; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles does hereby declare the month of September 2013, as **National Recovery Month**.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles reaffirm its commitment to help improve the lives of those suffering from mental and/or substance use disorders, to celebrate individuals and families in recovery, and to acknowledge those working in the field that provide prevention, treatment, and recovery services during National Recovery Month and throughout the year.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles calls upon the people of Los Angeles to observe this month with appropriate programs, activities, and ceremonies supporting this year’s theme, “Join the Voices for Recovery: Together on Pathways to Wellness”.

PRESENTED BY: 
GILBERT CEDILLO
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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