

MOTION

On Tuesday, June 30, 2015, Misty Copland was named American Ballet Theatre's first African-American principal dancer. Copland, born in Missouri and raised in San Pedro, has become a voice for diversity in ballet and a rare celebrity in the field. She is the first African-American ballerina to achieve this status in the company's 75-year history.

Misty Copland, a shy San Pedro 13-year old in overalls when her talent was discovered. Many young dancers of color stop dancing at any early age because they do not think there will be a career path for them. Misty is a shining example of encouragement, leadership, and accomplishment.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of 13th Street and Pacific be named as "Misty Copland Square" in recognition of her achievement of being named principal dancer at the American Ballet Theatre.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at or suitably near this location.

PRESENTED BY: 

JOE BUSCAINO

Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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