

RESOLUTION
DETECTIVE III JOSE DURAN

WHEREAS, Detective III Jose Duran, Serial Number 24584, is retiring on January 31, 2018, from the Los Angeles Police Department after over 33 years of loyal, professional service to the community of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Jose Duran was born in Los Angeles, California, and raised in the City of Monterey Park, California. He attended and graduated from Salesian High School and attended Humboldt State University in Arcata, California; and

WHEREAS, Jose Duran joined the Los Angeles Police Department and was appointed to the Police Academy on September 24, 1984. Upon graduation, he was assigned to the Rampart Division where he completed his probation; and

WHEREAS, Jose Duran worked in the 77th, Central Traffic and Hollenbeck Divisions, working a variety of assignments before transferring to the Juvenile Division on December 30, 1990; and

WHEREAS, Jose Duran promoted to the rank of Detective I on March 20, 1994, and assigned to 77th Division where he worked Major Assault Crimes and Robbery cases; and

WHEREAS, on March 19, 1995, Detective Jose Duran transferred back to Juvenile Division and promoted to the rank of Detective II Supervisor where he oversaw and supervised personnel on cases involving physical and sexual abuse of children including homicides. Additionally, he taught at the Department's Supervisor School, Juvenile Procedures, Homicide and Major Assault Crimes schools regarding Juvenile related issues; and

WHEREAS, on December 1, 2013, Detective Jose Duran promoted to the rank of Detective III Supervisor at Juvenile Division and is currently the Officer In Charge of the Investigative Control Unit. The unit is responsible for reviewing and categorizing Suspected Child Abuse Reports (SCARs), receiving calls from mandated reporters who are reporting possible child abuse and if necessary, creating a call for service and providing advice to the responding officers. Detective Jose Duran is also the liaison with the Department of Children and Family Service, the Los Angeles County District Attorney's Office and the Los Angeles Unified School District regarding child abuse reporting; and

WHEREAS, Detective Jose Duran has dedicated 25 years of his career in becoming an expert on child abuse to ensure that the children of the City of Los Angeles are safe and protected. His passion and dedication for his work is second to none. His peers seek his advice on child abuse related cases, which has earned him respect city wide for his concern from children and the people he serves. His expertise will be missed. Thank you for being a voice for those who had none.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate Detective Jose Duran for his 33 years of loyal and dedicated public service, and for upholding the highest traditions and standards of the Los Angeles Police Department and wishes him many years of continued success.

PRESENTED BY 
JOE BUSCAINO, Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY 
ALL MEMBERS

RESOLUTION
LIEUTENANT II CRAIG HERRON

WHEREAS, Lieutenant II Craig Herron, Serial Number 26735, is retiring on January 31, 2018, from the Los Angeles Police Department after 29 years of loyal, professional service to the communities of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Craig Herron was born and raised in Anaheim, California. He attended and graduated from Magnolia High School in Anaheim and California State University, Fullerton; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig Herron joined the Los Angeles Police Department and was appointed to the Police Academy on April 24, 1989. Upon graduation, he was assigned to Hollenbeck Patrol Division; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig Herron worked a variety of assignments during the course of his career, including Patrol, Specialized Units, Training Division, Investigations; and

WHEREAS, on February 18, 1996, Lieutenant Craig Herron was promoted to the rank of Detective I and assigned to the Pacific Detective Division, where he was assigned to Crimes Against Person's investigations; and

WHEREAS, on September 1, 1997, Lieutenant Craig Herron was promoted to the rank of Sergeant. As a Sergeant, he returned to 77th Division and Pacific Division, as well as, serving at Internal Affairs Division and Use of Force Division; and

WHEREAS, on May 28, 2006, Lieutenant Craig Herron was promoted to the rank of Lieutenant. As a Lieutenant, he served in Harbor Division as a Watch Commander and was the Officer in Charge of the Reserve Officer and Volunteer Section at Personnel Group; and

WHEREAS, on July 15, 2012, Lieutenant Craig Herron began his last assignment of his career as the Officer in Charge of the Abused Child Section at Juvenile Division, ensuring that the most vulnerable within our society, our children, were protected, giving a voice to those who had none; and

WHEREAS, during his Los Angeles Police Department career, Lieutenant Craig Herron worked a variety of assignments during monumental Los Angeles events including the 1992 civil disturbance, the 1994 Northridge earthquake and the 2000 Democratic National Convention protests; and

WHEREAS, Lieutenant Craig Herron is an exemplary Los Angeles Police Department officer whose personal integrity, professionalism and compassion has earned him the respect of the people he served with during his career. His dedication to the

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Department and the community exemplifies the highest tradition of the Los Angeles Police Department. Lieutenant Herron will be sorely missed by those he has impacted.;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate Lieutenant Craig Herron for his 29 years of loyal and dedicated public service, and for upholding the highest traditions and standards of the Los Angeles Police Department and wishes him many years of continued success.

PRESENTED BY 
JOE BUSCAINO, Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY 
ALL MEMBERS

CITY OF LOS ANGELES



RESOLUTION

Robert (Bob) Gotham

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham was born and raised in Boston, Massachusetts on June 17, 1939; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham attended Boston University, the Bentley College of Accounting, and Syracuse University; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham served four years in the United States Air Force – Security Service, as a Russian linguist; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham started his career in the Boston area as a bank teller, eventually he moved to payroll administration and ultimately to computer systems development in the banking industry. After his military service he relocated to Jacksonville Florida, continuing his career in banking as a senior Computer Systems Analyst for 10 years. In his next position in Tampa, Florida, he was employed by a firm headquartered in Los Angeles. He was the manager of Computer Systems Development.

WHEREAS, a temporary assignment at headquarters brought Bob to California in the late 1970's. The temporary assignment became permanent and Bob bought his first California residence in West Hollywood. In 1986 Bob sold his west-side condo and bought his current home in Eagle Rock; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham met his husband, Michael Manuel in 1995. They held a commitment ceremony on June 1999 and were married in October 2008; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham retired from Union Bank BTM in 2010. He had previously been employed by Security Pacific National Bank and Bank of America; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham walked into the Council District field office in 2002, looking for assistance regarding a community issue. With this impetus, he soon joined the board of The Eagle Rock Association (TERA), beginning a long period of Eagle Rock community involvement; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham served as President of TERA from 2009 to 2017; and as Chair of the Take Back the Boulevard Initiative, which secured \$12 million dollars for pedestrian improvements along Colorado Blvd. Bob now serves as Chair of the Rock the Boulevard Initiative, which is focusing on pedestrian improvements for Eagle Rock Blvd; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham has also served on the Board of Directors for the Center of the Arts, Eagle Rock and is a member of the Eagle Rock Valley Historical Society and the Collaborative Eagle Rock Beautiful; and

WHEREAS, Bob Gotham and his husband, Michael, are active members of the Neighborhood Unitarian Universalist Church of Pasadena. Bob has served in leadership positions that included fundraising and community building; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles honors Robert Gotham for his commitment to community activism on behalf of the City of Los Angeles, Northeast LA, and the community of Eagle Rock.

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PRESENTED BY: 
JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION

Olga Tañón

WHEREAS, Olga Teresa Tañón Ortiz was born on April 13, 1967 in Santurce, Puerto Rico; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón is the youngest of four children born to José Tañón and Carmen Gloria Ortiz and was raised in the Levittown district of Toa Baja, Puerto Rico, where she received her primary and secondary education; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón's singing career began when she joined a group called "Las Nenas de Ringo y Jossie" in the 1980s followed by "Chantelle" where they scored their biggest hit, "*Aunque Tú no Quieras*" with Tañón as a member; and,

WHEREAS, in 1992, Olga Tañón signed a contract with the WEA Latina record label to record her first solo album titled "*Sola*" and a year later recorded her second album "*Mujer de Fuego*" where Tañón debuted as a composer with the song, "*Presenció tu Amor*" and later that year received three Lo Nuestro Awards nominations in the Tropical/Salsa field: Album of the Year, Female Artist and New Artist; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón in 1994, earned her first double platinum record and in 1995, earned 3 more platinum records with her album, "*Siente el Amor*" which included another of her compositions, "*Unicornio*"; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón recorded a Tex-Mex CD with Mexican singer Marco Antonio Solís, "*Nuevos Senderos*", becoming the first Puerto Rican musician to be certified by the Recording Industry Association of America to sell over half a million records. The lead single, the ballad "*Basta Ya!*" topped the U.S. Billboard Top Latin Tracks for several weeks and became Tañón's first #1, earning her 3 Lo Nuestro Awards nominations for Pop Album of the Year, Pop Song of the Year and Pop Singer of the Year; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón debuted as an actress in 1997 in the Puerto Rican version of the popular production of "Jesus Christ Superstar", produced by Rafo Muñiz that included some of her songs; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón is a proud mother of daughter Gabriella Marie; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón recorded her first concert, titled, "*Olga Viva...Viva Olga*" in the House of Blues in Orlando, Florida. This production was named by the National Foundation of Popular Culture as one of the year's top 20 productions, earning Tañón her first Grammy Award; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón joined Pitbull, Carlos Ponce, and Wyclef Jean in support of Latin American immigrants in the U.S. in 2006 and is a continued supporter of our immigrant community; and,

WHEREAS, Olga Tañón won 3 Premio Lo Nuestro awards in the 2006 show, in the categories of "Album of the Year", "Female Artist" and "Song of the Year", holding the record as the artist who has won the most "Premio Lo Nuestro Awards", with a total of 29; and,

WHEREAS, through her musical career, Olga Tañón has earned two Grammy Awards, three Latin Grammy Awards, and 29 Premio Lo Nuestro Awards; and,

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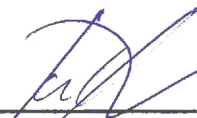
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NOW THEREFORE IT BE RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, Councilmember José Huizar and the City Council of Los Angeles congratulate Olga Tañón in her successful musical career that spans over 20 years. Thank you for representing Puerto Rico and the Latino community with great pride and humility, your passion, commitment, talent, and compassion have led to your successful career and popularity in Latin America, the United States, and throughout the world! Best wishes for many more years of success!

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PRESENTED BY: 

JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

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RESOLUTION
POLICE OFFICER II+II STEVEN RAUSCH
SERIAL NO. 25826

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch will retire from the Los Angeles Police Department on January 31, 2018 after 30 years of service to the City; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch began his career as an Academy Recruit in January of 1988 and joined Wilshire Division as a Probationary Officer later that year in June; and

WHEREAS, in his 30 year career, Steven Rausch has received over 185 commendations for his professionalism, teamwork, investigative skills, compassion, observational skills, tactics, attention to duty, and stellar performance; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch is the recipient of the Los Angeles Police Department's Police Medal for saving a suicidal jumper's life, and twice received the Police Meritorious Unit Citation as a member of the Rampart Gang Unit and as a Police Motorcycle Officer; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch has arrested hundreds of felons who preyed on the citizens of Los Angeles, as well as impaired drivers who would have been a risk to innocent pedestrians, bicyclists and other drivers; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch has maintained professionalism and integrity and has never sustained a suspension while issuing thousands of citations during his 21 years as a Police Motorcycle Officer; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch was personally selected for the Valley Traffic Division Community Traffic Services Unit which has a close working relationship with the Los Angeles City Council offices, community groups and citizens who share a general frustration with traffic issues in their neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, Steven Rausch has been assigned to the North Hollywood/Studio City area for the last five years and has used his training and problem solving skills to create a safer environment for residents;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commend Steven Rausch for his 30 years of committed and tireless service to the City of Los Angeles, congratulate him on his professional accomplishments, and extend best wishes for his retirement.

Presented by: _____



PAUL KREKORIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

Seconded by: _____



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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has one of the most dynamic economies in the United States. As a hub for global trade, Los Angeles has cultivated an entrepreneurial spirit that has helped build one of the most diverse and forward thinking cities in history; and

WHEREAS, Women are a driving force in Los Angeles' growth and prosperity, and women entrepreneurs serve as a catalysts for many of today's successful business partnerships, startups, and franchise expansions; and

WHEREAS, Women's Entrepreneurship Day Organization, Inc. (WEDO), a not-for-profit organization founded by Wendy Diamond, is a worldwide movement to educate the world why it is important to empower women in business: with initiatives such as Women's Entrepreneurship Day (WED) and the international digital campaign #ChooseWOMEN; and

WHEREAS, The WEDO mission is to empower the four billion women worldwide to be catalysts of change, and uplift the over 250 million girls living in poverty around the world; and

WHEREAS, On November 19th, thousands of influential local, national and global leaders will convene to highlight the unique struggles of women entrepreneurs and how they overcame them to create successful businesses; and

WHEREAS, Prioritizing this effort will encourage even more women to innovate and create prosperous businesses worldwide; and

WHEREAS, When we empower our women and girls to innovate and start their own businesses, we open the door to better education, more opportunity, and the elimination of gender disparity; and

WHEREAS, It is essential that the City continues to promote women entrepreneurs and expand their access to resources. The City of Los Angeles is proud to be a part of this global movement to foster, celebrate, and support the continued accomplishments of women entrepreneurs.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council and Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez hereby declares November 19, 2017 as "Women's Entrepreneurship Day" in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

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