

RESOLUTION
SERGEANT I+2 JOHN B. WILSON

WHEREAS, Sergeant I+2 John B. Wilson, Serial No. 25388, has completed 30 years of dedicated and distinguished law enforcement service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles, culminating with his retirement on May 31, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wilson was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on May 26, 1987, and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wilson has demonstrated outstanding professional conduct in law enforcement in a variety of assignments, including: Training Division as a Police Recruit; a Police Officer assigned to Patrol at Newton Division and 77th Street Division; he was assigned to 77th Street Division as a Field Training Officer; he promoted to the rank of Sergeant, assigned to Newton Division and Administrative Group; he promoted to Sergeant II assigned to Internal Affairs Group/Advocate Section; he then promoted to Sergeant I+2, assigned to South Traffic Division, Community Traffic Safety Unit and the DUI/Crime Task Force Unit; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wilson, as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, served the public and provided extraordinary leadership and professionalism during some of the City's most historic events, such as the Pope John Paul II's 1987 visit, the 1992 Civil Unrest, the 1994 Northridge earthquake, and the 2000 Democratic National Convention; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wilson was instrumental in expanding the School Motor Unit Program at South Traffic Division, which greatly enhanced the overall traffic safety in and around the various elementary, junior high and high schools in South Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant Wilson was awarded the Police Star for Bravery and has been the recipient of numerous commendations and awards emanating from Chiefs of Police, Commanding Officers, Supervisors and grateful citizens; and

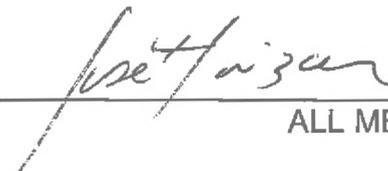
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council highly commends Sergeant Wilson for his 30 years of outstanding achievement in the field of law enforcement; a record of attainment that exemplifies the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department and has made our city a better and safer place in which to live and work, and extends its best wishes for a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

PRESENTED BY: _____



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____



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David Clemente Aguirre

WHEREAS, Chief Security Officer DAVID CLEMENTE AGUIRRE, Serial No. N4690, has completed nearly 36 years of dedicated service to the people of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), culminating with his retirement on September 1, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Hired by the Department of Recreation and Parks on Jan. 2, 1983, Chief Aguirre worked as a part time Security Officer at the L.A. Zoo, until he was hired in 1985 as a full-time Security Officer for the Department of General Services (GSD); and

WHEREAS, Chief Aguirre has received more than 15 commendations, and completed 2000 hours of POST certified and City, State and Federal Training. He is recognized for his work during the 1984 Olympics, a visit from Pope John Paul II in 1987, L.A. Riots in 1992, Northridge earthquake in 1994, and the Democratic National Convention which included a visit by President Bill Clinton to the L.A. City Council in 2000; and

WHEREAS, Chief Aguirre was one of the first 10 Security Officers to receive Peace Officer status on July 27, 1987, Chief Aguirre was promoted to Senior Security Officer on April 13, 1989 and promoted again in December 1994 to Principal Security Officer; and

WHEREAS, Chief Aguirre Promoted to Principal Special Officer on Aug. 26, 1998, Chief Aguirre moved up the ranks to L.A. Zoo Chief Security Officer on Jan. 17, 1999, Acting Chief Park Ranger for the Recreation and Parks on Jan. 5, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Chief Aguirre transferred to GSD's Office of Public Safety, Library Section as Chief Security Officer on February 19, 2006, and was assigned Chief Security Officer for the LAPD on July 1, 2012; and

WHEREAS, Chief Aguirre whose oldest brother Armando Aguirre retired as a Captain for LAFD with 32 years, his older brother Ben Aguirre retired as a Detective III with

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LAPD for 33 years and now as he retires with nearly 36 years of service, brings the total of a century of service the Aguirre brothers have given to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, highly commends Chief DAVID C. AGUIRRE for nearly 36 years of outstanding service in law enforcement, and for his achievement and commitment to exemplifying the highest Los Angeles Police Department standards and tradition. On behalf of the people of the city, the Los Angeles City Council extends its best wishes for a long, happy and rewarding retirement.

Presented by: 
JOSÉ HUIZAR
Councilmember, 14th District

Seconded by: 
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Nisei Week
2018

WHEREAS, Nisei Week first came to Little Tokyo for seven days and nights in 1934; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week was created by the Nisei living in Little Tokyo as a way to uplift the community's spirit during the Great Depression and for the Issei to cater more to the Nisei generation in both hiring and retail practice; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week was believed to be a great event by enough Issei merchants that they helped fund the early effort; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week has now become an all-volunteer event supported by the nonprofit organization, Nisei Week Foundation. Today's celebration mixes traditional with new events, such as the Coronation Ball, the Annual Grand Parade, Ondo dancing, martial arts exhibitions, fashion shows, Ikebana flower arrangement, tea ceremonies, and the Baby Show, among many more; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week continues to be a festival that promotes Japanese and Japanese-American heritage and culture, while bringing together the diverse communities of Southern California through arts and cultural education; and

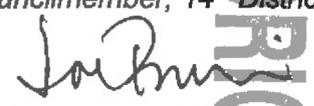
WHEREAS, Nisei Week will be a festival that will continue to be a generational and cultural bridge mixing old traditions with new ideas and activities; and

WHEREAS, Nisei Week is composed of a royal court representing various Japanese community organizations. Congratulations to the 2018 court: Tori Ai Kamada, Kelly Midori Tsunawaki Mock, Lauren Rei Miyamoto, Marica Katie Snyder, Alice Marina Amano, and Juli Ann Drindak; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles recognizes NISEI WEEK and the NISEI WEEK FOUNDATION for their distinguished service to the Japanese and Japanese-American community throughout the Southern California region for the last 78 years:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council along with the people of the Fourteenth Council District, extends a special thank you to the Little Tokyo community for contributing to the cultural fabric of the great City of Los Angeles for generations.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

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Bridget "Biddy" Mason

WHEREAS, Bridget "Biddy" Mason was born August 15, 1818 into slavery on a plantation in Hancock, Georgia and separated from her parents during childhood. She spent her youth working on plantations in Georgia, Mississippi and South Carolina; and

WHEREAS, while being a slave, Biddy Mason assisted house servants, midwives and learned herbal medicine from other slave women. Without formal education, she became a well-regarded midwife; and

WHEREAS, Biddy Mason's master converted to the Mormon faith and moved his extended family and slaves to Utah Territory. During their 2,000 mile journey, Biddy Mason walked behind her master's wagon along with her three daughters, with the youngest on her back; and

WHEREAS, Mormon Church leader, Brigham Young, sent a group of Mormons to start a settlement in San Bernardino, California. Biddy Mason's master joined the group, moving her to California, a free state. Moreover, any slave brought into California was automatically deemed free; and

WHEREAS, while still in the possession of her master, Biddy Mason learned she could gain her freedom. But as the anti-slavery sentiment was growing stronger in California, Mason's master decided to relocate to a slave state, Texas; and

WHEREAS, a free black and successful businessman, Charles Owens, persuaded the county sheriff to prevent Biddy Mason's master to move his slaves out of California. The sheriff kept Biddy Mason and the other slaves in the county jail until their legal status could be determined; and

WHEREAS, Charles Owens eventually filed a petition claiming Mason's master was illegally holding slaves in a free state. On January 21, 1856, Biddy Mason gained her freedom from Los Angeles County District Judge Benjamin Hayes; and

WHEREAS, in Los Angeles, Biddy Mason began working as a nurse and midwife. She quickly became a well-regarded midwife, assisting in births of all races and social classes; and

WHEREAS, on November 28, 1866, Biddy Mason became one of the first African American women to own property in Los Angeles. She gradually bought more lots in Los Angeles and many of her early investments became prime real estate and formed her considerable wealth; and

WHEREAS, in 1872, Biddy Mason and her son-in-law, Charles Owens founded and financed the First African Methodist Episcopal Church, the city's first black church. The congregation became the mother church for all subsequent black churches in Los Angeles; and

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WHEREAS, during the flood of the early 1880's Bidy Mason opened an account at a grocery store on 4th and Spring to be used by any family made homeless by the rains of the 1880's. Later she opened a day nursery for orphans, poor and deserted children; and

WHEREAS, Bidy Mason became the wealthiest African American woman in Los Angeles. She visited prisoners and brought gifts and aid to the local jail. She was one of the founding members of an elementary school for black children. Her generosity and loving spirit led her to be called by many, Grandma Mason; and

WHEREAS, Bridget "Biddy" Mason died at the age of 73 on January 15, 1891, leaving an enormous legacy of unselfish contributions and being instrumental in making Los Angeles a more progressive and productive City;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that on the occasion of what would have been her 200th birthday, the City Council of Los Angeles does hereby declare August 15, 2018 as Bridget "Biddy Mason Day."

PRESENTED BY: 

CURREN D. PRICE, Jr
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 