

**RESOLUTION**  
***In Recognition of William Jones***

**WHEREAS**, William Jones is retiring from the City of Los Angeles after more than 30 years of dedicated service in the Department of Public Works, Bureau of Engineering, where he served as an Environmental Supervisor II within the Environmental Management Group; and

**WHEREAS**, William joined the Bureau of Engineering in September 1991 - the City's lead agency for the planning, design, and construction management of public buildings, infrastructure, and open space projects - where he managed environmental permitting and compliance for some of the City's largest public improvement projects and served with tremendous care, thoughtfulness, and dedication to protecting the City's natural environment; and

**WHEREAS**, William has served as a member of the Environmental Management Group's senior management team, as a mentor to many Bureau of Engineering colleagues, and has generously shared his expertise and knowledge of biological resources, ecology, and environmental stewardship; and

**WHEREAS**, among some of his accomplishments, William contributed to the development of the Environmentally Sensitive Habitat Area Ordinance to protect the City's native flora and fauna; managed the preparation of the Environmental Impact Report for the reconstruction of the White's Point landslide area; and developed programs to improve the water quality of our regional watersheds through the implementation of the Santa Monica Canyon and Temescal Canyon Low Flow Diversion projects; and

**WHEREAS**, as part of his restoration work in the Ballona Lagoon, William identified and preserved the Orcutt's yellow pincushion, a rare plant, by preparing a conservation plan and monitoring its implementation; and William is credited in CalFlora, a database of California plants, with an observation of Lewis' evening-primrose in Marina del Rey as part of the Venice Dual Force Main Project; and

**WHEREAS**, to preserve and share knowledge of the habitats of Los Angeles, William created and maintained the City of Los Angeles Herbarium, which includes plant specimens from his numerous projects; and

**WHEREAS**, William Jones is an expert gardener and world traveler, and when he is not tending to his garden of native California vegetation, or spending time with his family in the outdoors William is exploring the world's most beautiful landscapes, natural reserves, national parks, and native wildlife;

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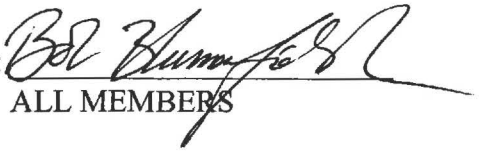
**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council does hereby congratulate and commend William Jones for more than 30 years of service and exceptional leadership in protecting the environment of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:

  
PAUL KORETZ

Councilmember, 5th District

SECONDED BY:

  
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## R E S O L U T I O N

WHEREAS, Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala is a lifelong resident of the City of Los Angeles, graduating from Immaculate Heart High School, continuing her higher education at the University of California, Los Angeles, graduating with honors, Magna Cum Laude, and a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science; and

WHEREAS, in 1985, Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala proudly joined the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), and was first assigned to the Pacific Area; and

WHEREAS, upon completing probation, she was assigned to the Van Nuys Area and Southeast Area, where she gained valuable experience; and

WHEREAS, in 1988, she became a Field Training Officer in the Hollywood Area where she was able to positively influence change in her community; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, she achieved the rank of Sergeant and was assigned to the Central Area, where Skid Row served as a unique training ground that allowed her to mature as a leader and be inspired by the dedicated patrol officers who worked in extremely adverse conditions; and

WHEREAS, she continued her career as a Sergeant in the Pacific Area, and then returned to the Hollywood Area in 1999, eventually becoming an Assistant Watch Commander, Sergeant II, working under Captain (now retired Deputy Chief) Michael Downing, who she credits taught her the value of community based policing; and

WHEREAS, she spearheaded many projects including Operation Neighborhood Enhancement, Project Restore Hollywood, changing the landscape of Hollywood in a positive way; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce recognized her as a "Women of Distinction," and

WHEREAS, that same year she earned a promotion to the rank of Lieutenant in the Hollenbeck Area, where the energy and enthusiasm prepared her well for her next assignment as Watch Commander in Central Area; and

WHEREAS, after years of hard work and the completion of Command Development School, she was promoted to Captain for the Devonshire Area; and

WHEREAS, after her time in the Devonshire Area, in 2008 she took on the role as Patrol Commanding Officer in the Hollywood Area where she created LAPD's first youth mentoring center; and

WHEREAS, in 2013, she was promoted to Commander of Employee Relations Group, where she was in charge of cultivating a harmonious working environment and reasonable solutions for personnel; and

  
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WHEREAS, on April 5, 2015, Assistant Chief Girmala was promoted to Deputy Chief, becoming the Commanding Officer of Operations-West Bureau (OWB), later overseeing the smooth implementation of the Digital In-Car Video system; and

WHEREAS, on June 30, 2016, after 31 years of experience, she was promoted to Assistant Chief, becoming the Director, Officer of Operations, where her duties include responsibility over the four geographic bureaus; and

WHEREAS, she also serves as the Department Coordinator for LGBTQ matters, and oversees Community Outreach and Development Division, which includes the Cadets, Reserves, Volunteers Unit, Police Orientation Preparation Program, Police Academy Magnet School; and

WHEREAS, on March 31, 2022, Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala retires after 37 years of dedicated service to the Los Angeles Police Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council extends its warmest congratulations to Assistant Chief Beatrice Girmala on her retirement and expresses deep gratitude for her years of energy, enthusiasm, honor, and service.

PRESENTED BY:




MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7th District



MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY:



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**RESOLUTION**

**OFFICER III +1 JENS BACK  
Serial No. 40077**

WHEREAS, Police Officer III+1 JENS BACK, Serial No. 40077, has served the people of the City of Los Angeles with outstanding professionalism, uncompromising integrity and personal dedication for 13 years as a proud member of the Los Angeles Police Department; and

WHEREAS, since becoming a full time Los Angeles Police Officer in April of 2009, OFFICER JENS BACK has demonstrated the highest professional and ethical standards of law enforcement in assignments including Southeast Area, Audit Division, Southwest Area, Wilshire Area, Internal Affairs Division, Hollywood Area, Use of Force Division, and as a Senior Lead Officer at Information Technology Bureau; and

WHEREAS, during his career, OFFICER JENS BACK received 38 commendations for his dedicated service to the countless citizens he served and supervisors he supported; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER JENS BACK was selected as a staff researcher in Use of Force Division, where he was responsible for reviewing Use of Force incidents on behalf of the Chief of Police, and in that position he ensured that uses of force by Los Angeles Police Department personnel were reviewed with integrity and transparency, so that members of the community in which he served could be assured that officers are held accountable for their actions and were acting within the parameters of the Department's policy and procedure and the law; and

WHEREAS, in 2015, OFFICER JENS BACK was part of a select team chosen to create and publish the first of its kind Use of Force Year-End Review Report, the most comprehensive self-published repository of use of force statistics and data by any law enforcement agency worldwide, which has become a national model for transparency in law enforcement and data reporting; and

WHEREAS, in this role OFFICER JENS BACK was awarded both the Police Commission Distinguished Service Medal and the Centurion Award for Excellence for his outstanding service; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER JENS BACK served the community with pride, courage and integrity during some of the most challenging episodes in the city's history, including the COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 civil unrest, and celebrations of Lakers, Kings and Dodgers championships; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER JENS BACK has planned, organized and participated in efforts targeting gangs, narcotics dealers, and criminals who prey upon the vast and diverse communities that make up our beloved city; and

  
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WHEREAS, OFFICER JENS BACK faithfully used his time in all his assignments not only to prevent and deter crime, but to bridge the gap between law enforcement and the public through countless positive contacts and interactions; and

WHEREAS, OFFICER JENS BACK has devoted a career to saving lives, protecting property, affirming the rule of law in our society, and making our city a better and happier place in which to live and work;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council highly commends Police Officer III+1 JENS BACK for his 13 years of outstanding achievements in the field of law enforcement, during which he has exemplified the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police Department, and extends best wishes and gratitude to OFFICER JENS BACK and his family.

PRESENTED BY:

Paul Krekorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, Second District

SECONDED BY:

Monica Rodriguez

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