

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Photographer Gary Leonard has documented the comings and goings of Los Angeles for more than 40 year; and

WHEREAS, As LA native, he was born in Echo Park and has lived in Encino since 1979; and

WHEREAS, Gary graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles, with a bachelor's degree in Film, Video, and Photographic Arts; and

WHEREAS, Gary's work captured the 1970s and '80s punk scene of Los Angeles, to his "City of Angels: Portraits" series where he photographed people in front of painted angel wings, to his extensive documentation of the construction of the Sixth Street Viaduct, Mr. Leonard has kept a watchful eye on the cultural scene of the city; and

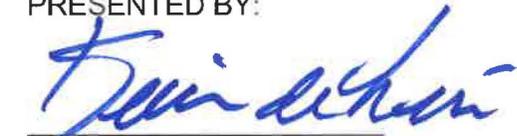
WHEREAS, Gary's column, "Take My Picture Gary Leonard," has been running for decades, was turned into a book in 1998, and continues in LA Observed to this day. He does it all with his well-worn Nikon D3; and

WHEREAS, He took his first photographs at Dodger Photo Day at the Coliseum, back in 1960. He has photographed every president, from Richard Nixon to Barack Obama; every Los Angeles mayor, from Sam Yorty to Eric Garcetti; as well as foreign dignitaries, including Prince Charles, Leonid Brezhnev, and the Dalai Lama; and

WHEREAS, Gary's beautiful photographs have defined the last sixty years of Los Angeles. He has a downtown revolving exhibition of his photography and collection of Los Angeles ephemera, located at 109 W 9th Street:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate GARY LEONARD for documenting the history of Los Angeles for the last 60 years. Best wishes on many years of continued growth and success on all future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

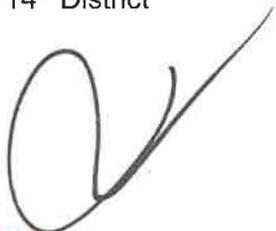


KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:



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CITY OF LOS ANGELES



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**Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees (LAFACE)
40th Year Anniversary**

WHEREAS, forty years ago, on Thursday, March 25, 1982, eighty four (84) Filipino American employees from various Department of the City of Los Angeles, spearheaded by Larry Rivera of the Community Development Department, and Cres Abad of the Personnel Department, convened at the Council Chambers and unanimously approved the creation of an association that advocated for the Filipino-American City employees, now known as the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees, fondly known as LAFACE; and

WHEREAS, it is the mission and policy of LAFACE to: foster the advancement of Filipino Americans and all employees in City service, and nurtures collaborations with other minority groups and extends assistance to organizations in promoting the economic, social, cultural and educational advancement of Filipino Americans and all City employees; and

WHEREAS, LAFACE, assists and develops City Employees for promotional advancement by conducting civil service exam preparation trainings, leadership seminars, employment outreach, and various other educational presentations; and

WHEREAS, LAFACE provides leadership and networking opportunities for its members and all City employees through events and activities that utilize skills and talents, and where they can engage LA City directors and managers, community leaders and other organizations; and

WHEREAS, LAFACE continues to enrich the cultural and social fabric of Los Angeles by organizing cultural events, such as the Philippine Independence Day every June, the Filipino American History Month every October, hosting annual gatherings showcasing Filipino American food and hospitality and, engaging the Filipino community through various efforts; and

WHEREAS, LAFACE awards scholarships to high school and college students, to promote educational advancement:

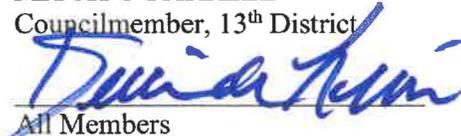
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commemorate the 40th anniversary of the founding of the **LOS ANGELES FILIPINO ASSOCIATION OF CITY EMPLOYEES (LAFACE)** and wishes them many years of continued growth, success, and great contribution to the City of Los Angeles, its employees, and its Filipino American community.

Presented by:


MITCH O'FARRELL

Councilmember, 13th District

Seconded by:


All Members

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WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in congratulating Detective II [REDACTED], upon his retirement, effective February 28, 2023, from the Los Angeles Police Department after 27 ½ years of dedicated and distinguished service to the People of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Detective [REDACTED] was born on [REDACTED] in Dallas, Texas and later would grow-up in Fort Thomas, Kentucky, where he attended Highlands High School and graduated in 1983. After a short stint at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio where he studied business, he left school and moved to Los Angeles to pursue a career in production in the music, film and TV industries. [REDACTED] toured with the artists Al Jarreau, Marlboro Country Music and the rock band Ratt as a rigger and carpenter. In the early 1990's he worked at Covenant House in Hollywood on an outreach team member serving homeless youth. This is where [REDACTED] developed an interest in Law Enforcement; and

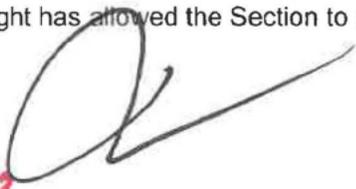
WHEREAS, [REDACTED] began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department on September 5, 1995, when he entered the Los Angeles Police Academy, and began serving with honor in the following assignments, Training Division as a Recruit; Rampart Area where he began to develop his skills as a street Police Officer; Van Nuys and then onto 77th Area, where he continued to hone his street skills, in the Specialized Enforcement Unit, then to Hollywood Division where on August 25, 2002, Officer [REDACTED] was promoted to Police Officer III. He was now responsible for the training of new patrol officers and to develop these young officers patrol skills. On June 1, 2003, Officer [REDACTED] was selected to become an element member in the highly coveted Metropolitan Division "Charlie" Platoon and was selected into the Mounted "Edward" Platoon. While assigned to Metropolitan Division he volunteered and was selected to join the Department's Underwater Dive team, [REDACTED] continued to develop skills and went on to become a certified rescue diver and an Emergency Medical Technician, EMT-1, [REDACTED] was selected to become part of the Mayor's security detail; and on July 13, 2014, was promoted to Detective I assigned to Olympic Area Detectives, where he continued to develop his investigative skills, while assigned to Auto and Robbery investigations, on October 4, 2015, he was selected to be a member of Major Crimes Division, Jail Debrief Unit, where Detective [REDACTED] interviewed inmates regarding criminal intelligence; and

WHEREAS, on June 12, 2016, Detective [REDACTED] was promoted to Sergeant I and assigned to Olympic Area as a field supervisor, where he mentored young police Officers in daily field operations, on October 1, 2017, Sergeant [REDACTED] transferred to Southwest Area where he continued as a field supervisor guiding and mentoring patrol officers in Department procedures, policies and tactics. On August 5, 2018, Sergeant [REDACTED] decided to assist those with mental challenges and transferred to the Mental Evaluation Unit, where he assisted in some of the city's most challenging calls for service; and

WHEREAS, on April 14, 2019, Sergeant I [REDACTED] was promoted to Detective II, and was selected to become a member of the elite Special Investigation Section (S.I.S.) where he became only 1 of 127 individuals at the time to be assigned to this highly skilled and coveted unit. Detective [REDACTED] has been an integral part of the investigation and arrest of some of Southern California's most notorious criminal acts; the murder investigation of Los Angeles Police Officer Juan Diaz, the Lady Gaga dognapping and the follow home Rolex robbers; and

WHEREAS, [REDACTED] has been an intricate part of the training in S.I.S, as a licensed EMT-1 for 12 years, his ideas and insight has allowed the Section to continue to be at the forefront when it comes to tactical medicine; and

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WHEREAS, Detective II [REDACTED] has received over 90 commendations for outstanding actions from supervisors, commanding officers and Los Angeles residents as well as other local, state and federal law enforcement agencies; While assigned to the Special Investigation Section Detective [REDACTED] has made great sacrifices of himself and his family; missing family functions and special events to respond to the needs of the Department at the drop of a hat to arrest murderers and kidnapers and return other's loved ones to their families unharmed; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles do hereby commend DETECTIVE II [REDACTED] for his distinguished 27 ½ year career, commitment to excellence and devotion to duty. We further extend congratulations, best wishes, and continued happiness to your lovely wife, [REDACTED] who recently retired from the [REDACTED] as a [REDACTED] on a long, happy and rewarding retirement from the Los Angeles Police Department.

PRESENTED BY:


KEVIN DE LEÓN
Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:


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RICK J. CARUSO

WHEREAS, Rick Joseph Caruso was born January 7, 1959 to Henry and Gloria Caruso. Rick's grandparents, Augusto and Josephine, immigrated to America separately as teenagers, both coming from Italy through Ellis Island. They met, fell in love, married and eventually settled in Boyle Heights in the late 1920s. Augusto worked as a gardener, operating from the back of his pickup truck and planting the seeds for four thriving generations of family. At their regular Sunday dinners, Rick's grandmother relentlessly emphasized the importance of hard work, honoring the family name, keeping faith and giving back to their community; and

WHEREAS, Caruso's father, Henry, attended Marshall High, served in World War II and then attended the University of Southern California on the G.I. Bill. He achieved great early success, but took a massive personal fall in his career when he was indicted and served time for fraud. Rick drew the ultimate lessons from his father's refusal to allow his mistakes to define him. Through his father, Rick learned the importance of redemption, and the value of offering people a second chance. After this setback, Henry founded Dollar Rent-a-Car, one of the most successful car rental franchises in America; and

WHEREAS, growing up, Rick attended Good Shepherd Grammar School, served as an altar boy and graduated from Harvard High. He received his bachelor's degree from USC in 1980 and a law degree from Pepperdine in 1983, where he was later named Alumnus of the Year; and

WHEREAS, Rick and his wife, Tina, established the Caruso Loan Forgiveness Fund which covers the law school loan payments for ten years for low-income and other underserved students. In October 2019, he donated \$50 million to Pepperdine School of Law, which was renamed in his honor. The gift is directed to historically underrepresented students as well as to students pursuing public interest law; and

WHEREAS, Caruso founded the Caruso Family Foundation, which focuses on organizations that improve the lives of children in need of healthcare and education; and

WHEREAS, Rick and his wife, Tina have been married for 35 years and are the proud parents of four children: Alex, Gregory, Justin, and Gianna:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate RICK J. CARUSO during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain a passionate advocate in preserving family and our Italian heritage.

PRESENTED BY: 

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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THE MATTERA FAMILY

WHEREAS, Vince Mattera, Senior, started Sorrento's in 1962; and

WHEREAS, for 60 years, Sorrento's has been a small humble business in a corner of San Pedro. Since the beginning, Vince Sr. declared that "no one would leave Sorrento's hungry!"; and

WHEREAS, Vince Senior, passed away unexpectedly in 2011 and the responsibility of continuing Sorrento's commitment was left to Vince Jr.; and

WHEREAS, Vince did not shy away from what he considered his responsibility; he taught his long-term staff all the family recipes, and ensured their perfection sprinkled with a sense of camaraderie that is emblematic of our family town; and

WHEREAS, through the trials of recessions, growth, regulations... and more. These values have been passed down through generations of committed staff, and thousands of loyal and familiar regular customers; and

WHEREAS, Vince Senior would have been humbled and so grateful to receive this accolade and after many years of service in San Pedro, Sorrento's is honored to be a part of this community:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate THE MATTERA FAMILY during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain passionate advocates in preserving family and our Italian heritage.

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JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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TUBEROSI FAMILY

WHEREAS, Carmine was born on August 19, 1938, as Carmine Joseph Tuberosi on the Island of Ischia off the coast of Naples, Italy to Vittorio and Josephine Tuberosi. Vittorio was a commercial fisherman and Josephine a housewife; and

WHEREAS, in 1948, the family moved to Mar De Plata, Argentina in search of a better life. Vittorio continued commercial fishing and Carmine began commercial fishing as well. To help the family, Carmine also took a job at a Bakery in Mar De Plata. In 1966, the family was granted entrance to the USA and migrated to San Pedro, CA. Carmine took all the money that the family had and started Joseph's Bakery; and

WHEREAS, Rosa Tuberosi was born Rosa Pesce on February 2, 1946, in Ischia to Giorgio and Cristina Pesce. Giorgio was a commercial fisherman and Christina a housewife. Rosa and her family migrated to the USA in November of 1963, settling in San Pedro, as well. Giorgio continued as a commercial fisherman. Rosa, her mom and her two older sisters began work as seamstresses at Chic Lingerie in Redondo Beach; and

WHEREAS, the Pesce's lived within walking distance of the newly opened Joseph's Bakery, and Rosa would often go to buy baked goods for her family. Carmine was quickly drawn to Rosa but was shy and had trouble mustering the courage to ask her out. One day when he knew she was coming, he prepared himself a special courage-inducing drink, whiskey. After two quick shots he had the courage to ask Rosa out. After months of dating the two were married on August 2, 1969, at Mary Star of the Sea Church; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Rosa gave birth to a son, Victor, and in 1972, another son, George was born. Rosa and Carmine ran Joseph's Bakery themselves until Victor and George were old enough, at which time they joined their parents working at the family business; and

WHEREAS, Victor is married to Livia DiOrio, and they have two sons, Joseph and Vincent. George is married to Samantha Zar and they also have two sons, Matthew and Michael. The four cousins all help out at the bakery, and will hopefully, someday take over the business and continue the family tradition well into the future; and

WHEREAS, Joseph's Bakery has now been open for 56 years and has become a San Pedro Institution:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate the TUBEROSI FAMILY during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain a passionate advocate in preserving family and our Italian heritage.

PRESENTED BY:



JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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ANTHONY PIROZZI, JR.

WHEREAS, Anthony Pirozzi Jr. was born and raised in San Pedro and his Italian Heritage spans over 100 years in San Pedro. He is the son of Tony and Filomena Pirozzi. Tony was born on the beautiful island of Ischia, Italy and migrated to the United States in 1956. Filomena was born and raised in San Pedro. Her father, Domenic Costa, came to San Pedro from Ischia, Italy in 1920. Anthony and his wife, Carolyn, have been married for 29 years and have three sons, Antonio, Vincent and Luca; and

WHEREAS, Anthony graduated from San Pedro High School in 1983, earned a Bachelor's Degree in Electronics Engineering Technology from California State Polytechnic University, Pomona in 1989 and a Master's Degree in Engineering and Production Management from Loyola Marymount University in 2000. Currently, he serves as a Harbor Commissioner for the Port of Los Angeles appointed by Mayor Eric Garcetti in 2013; and

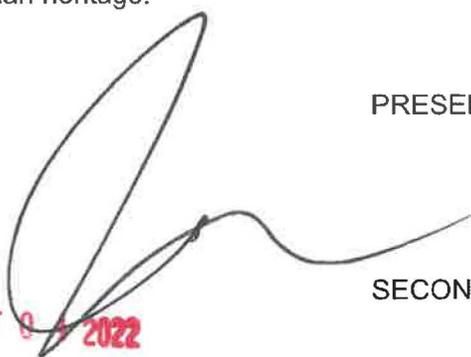
WHEREAS, Anthony is a retired Boeing Executive after a 30 year career at the Boeing Satellite Development Center in El Segundo, California. He traveled extensively to remote locations as well as domestically to support and lead satellite launch campaigns; and

WHEREAS, Anthony's passion for the betterment of San Pedro has spanned multiple decades. He began volunteering by coaching youth soccer and baseball at Bogdanovich Park. He continued coaching when his boys began playing soccer, baseball and basketball. He dove into the campaign to Save Eastview Little League by running for Honorary Mayor of San Pedro to highlight the impacts of lost fields to the community working closely with the San Pedro Youth Coalition. He joined the Eastview Board of Directors as the New Fields Project Manager to lead a team that designed and developed the fields you see today at Knoll Hill. Anthony became the President of Eastview Little League from 2009-2012; and

WHEREAS, he joined the San Pedro Chamber of Commerce in 2006 and served as Chairman of the Board of Directors from 2010 to 2012 at the same time he was President of Eastview Little League. He became a columnist for San Pedro Today. He co-founded Scalawag Productions, a non-profit teenage to young adult theatre company to establish local theatre art at the Warner Grand Theater in San Pedro; and

WHEREAS, Anthony believes that community is an extension of family. His passion is to motivate and inspire all ages by sharing his life's journey and that anything in life is possible especially with a strong faith in God. This is what drives him each and every day with the overall goal and passion to leave San Pedro a better place for future generations:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate ANTHONY PIROZZI, JR. during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain a passionate advocate in preserving family and our Italian heritage.



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JOE BUSCAINO
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ANNA MANUNZA

WHEREAS, Anna Manunza was born and raised in the Italian region of Sardinia. She studied Foreign Languages and Literature at the University of Cagliari, where she graduated Magna Cum Laude. During her studies, she was selected to participate in the prestigious EU Erasmus and In Time 36 programs studying in Germany and Greece; and

WHEREAS, after living in Germany for ten years, she moved to Los Angeles in 2012. Despite the demands of a career in the corporate world, Anna immersed herself in the Italian-American community, promoting Italian culture whenever she could. Anna has incredible energy and curiosity, which manifest in varied interests spanning from reading, history, immigration, old movies, and classical music, among others; and

WHEREAS, she was particularly proud to introduce the community to her native Sardinian heritage, and in 2018 she organized a large delegation from the Sardinian government and other cultural entities to meet with the Los Angeles City Council on the occasion of Italian Heritage Month for the purpose of promoting Italian and Sardinian culture; and

WHEREAS, Anna's passion for opera led her to spearhead the nomination of the late world-famous tenor Luciano Pavarotti for a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame. This project started during the pandemic, and after two years of difficult planning, it culminated this August in a week of celebrations dedicated to the genius and legacy of the late maestro in various events in Los Angeles with the Pavarotti family in attendance; and

WHEREAS, Anna also arranged the recent visit from the Rossini Opera Festival and Pesaro, the Italian Capital of Culture for 2024 in Los Angeles, again cementing cultural relationships between Italy and Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, for the past few years, Anna has found new purpose and drive as a member of the Executive Board of the Little Italy of Los Angeles Association, for which she is cultural ambassador. She aims to continue to serve the community through events promoting Italian and Italian American culture:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate ANNA MANUNZA during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain a passionate advocate in preserving family and our Italian heritage.

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JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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CHRISTIAN GUARDINO

WHEREAS, Christian Guardino was born March 14, 2000. Christian was born and raised in the Patchogue village on Long Island in Suffolk County, New York; and

WHEREAS, Christian was diagnosed with Leber congenital amaurosis, a rare genetic eye disorder, when he was an infant. He was legally blind for years, and his eyesight continued to deteriorate. He participated in a gene therapy trial when he was a teenager that helped restore most of his vision; and

WHEREAS, Christian received the grand prize at Amateur Night at the Apollo in 2014. He was introduced to FOX Showtime at the Apollo with host Steve Harvey; and

WHEREAS, Christian competed on *America's Got Talent* in 2017, when he was 16 years old. He earned the Golden Buzzer from Judge Howie Mandel for his audition to "Who's Lovin' You" by the Jackson 5 which sent him straight to the live shows. He made it to the Semifinals of Season 12; and

WHEREAS, most recently, Christian appeared on *American Idol* Season 20. Although he didn't make the finals, he was in the Top 7, and was able to release an original single called, "Higher;" and

WHEREAS, Christian has dropped singles titled, "Waiting," "Missing Part of Me," and "Wishful Thinking." His latest single is titled "Poison Ivy;"

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council is pleased to honor and congratulate CHRISTIAN GAURDINO during Italian American Heritage Month 2022. Best wishes and may you always remain a passionate advocate in preserving family and our Italian heritage.

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JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

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