

## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS; on February 10, 2022, Steve Salas, the legendary front man and co-founder of the Chicano Rock group TIERRA, passed away, leaving behind a legacy of unforgettable music that touched his fans around the world. Together with his brother Rudy Salas, Steve left an indelible mark on the Eastside Sound, a genre famous for using musical elements from Rhythm and Blues, Mexican ballads, salsa, and Rock and Roll to form a unique sound that emanated from the Mexican American neighborhoods of Southern California during the 1970's.

WHEREAS; born and raised in Lincoln Heights, Steve Salas began performing for family and friends at a very young age, and with his brother Rudy began playing with local R&B bands as a teenager. By the time he was in high school, Steve had recorded a string of regional hit singles with groups such as The Jaguars and with his brother Rudy as the Salas Brothers.

WHEREAS; simultaneously, Steve juggled his duties as Student Body President of Lincoln High School and was admitted to Stanford University on a full Board of Trustees Scholarship.

WHEREAS; he was a key participant in the High School Blowouts, the first demonstrations to ignite the Chicano Civil Rights Movement in Los Angeles, and for the next fifty years, would continue to participate in community and civic events that supported civil rights and educational justice.

WHEREAS; during the turbulent 1970s, Steve and Rudy Salas formed the first group from the Eastside of Los Angeles to gain national recognition: the Chicano Rock group TIERRA. With Rudy as its leader and Steve as its lead vocalist and charismatic showman, TIERRA began performing up and down the West Coast, solidifying the group's chemistry and fan base.

WHEREAS; with Steve and Rudy as co-founders, TIERRA became more than just another garage band to strike it big. They became key advocates and participants in many events and demonstrations of the Chicano Civil Rights Movement during the 1970s and beyond. They participated in the 1970 Chicano Moratorium in East Los Angeles, the largest anti-war demonstration in the Mexican American community at the time, and their continuous participation in significant community events made it clear: The Salas Brothers were not just performers, they were community activists.

WHEREAS; as TIERRA, Steve and Rudy performed for the United Farmworkers, several colleges and universities throughout the Southwest, and numerous distinguished events and organizations: The Friendly House in Phoenix, Arizona; UCLA's Cesar Chavez Spirit Award Dinner; the National Hispanic Media Coalition Awards, the Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Sacramento Cinco de Mayo Festivals, the Challengers Boys and Girls Club, and the Salesian Boys and Girls Clubs of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS; TIERRA also enjoyed numerous TV appearances: American Bandstand, The American Music Awards, Solid Gold, Soul Train, Entertainment Tonight, and KABC's Vista LA. Furthermore, they toured throughout the Southwest giving numerous concerts and appearing with other notable groups such as WAR, Los Lonely Boys, El Chicano, and Thee Midnites.

WHEREAS; in 1981, TIERRA soared to national prominence through their breakout hit "Together", their soulful rendition of the Intruders' love song. This song opened doors that led the group to perform at Carnegie Hall before adoring fans, friends, and their parents.

WHEREAS; TIERRA continued recording various albums and performing in well-known venues throughout the United States. Under Steve and Rudy Salas, TIERRA boasts the unique experience of being the only Latin Rock band to have four hits simultaneously on the national charts.

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WHEREAS; in 2002, Steve Salas began performing as a solo artist or with an outstanding backup band of All Stars of Latin Rock, and in 2003 and 2004, he launched two solo CD's, "Directions" and "Reflections". These CD's demonstrate Steve's versatility as a singer, musician, and musical arranger, and his songs can be found in several online sites.


WHEREAS; sadly, both Steve and Rudy Salas passed away within a year of each other: Rudy on December 29, 2020 and Steve on February 10, 2022. The Heart and Soul of TIERRA are gone, leaving behind grieving family members, friends, and adoring fans.

WHEREAS; TIERRA'S enduring legacy will be continued by the Salas family, and their unforgettable songs will continue gracing the airwaves throughout the world. Steve Salas will be remembered for his energy, his charisma, and his dynamic presence on stage, but also for his commitment to social and educational justice, his love for the music he created and performed, and his loyalty to the people he loved.

WHEREAS; Steve Salas is survived by his long-time partner, Mary Alcantar, and his brothers Richard and Robert Salas.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes Steve Salas's incredible contribution to music and an indelible mark on the Eastside Sound and honors his legacy of participation in community and civic events that supported civil rights and educational justice.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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Gilbert Cedillo  
Councilmember, First District

SECONDED BY:

  
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# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, For over 14 years, Armando Olivas represented the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, AFL-CIO, with an affiliation of over 300 unions, representing approximately 800,000 union members throughout the greater Los Angeles area. Mr. Olivas serves as the Federation's Community Services Executive Director and was on staff at the United Way of Greater Los Angeles. He is responsible for managing over three quarters of a million dollars in services through this program.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Olivas serves the community on a health and welfare level and conducts how to "Survive When the PayCheck Stops" seminars and workshops for unions and the community. Mr. Olivas has been an instructor at the Los Angeles Trade Technical College since 1992. He has taught students how to access community-based organizations, providing the students with knowledge on how to seek help and cut through red tape. He has also conducted seminars on how to access disaster assistance.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Olivas is frequently requested to speak on the AFL-CIO Community Services Program and the Labor/United Way's partnership. He was invited to Tokyo, Japan to provide a keynote address to personnel in the United States Armed Forces.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Olivas served as President of the Los Angeles Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, providing leadership to the Latino community and prominent politicians. The Labor Council for Latin American Advancement, a national organization, provides voter education and conducts "Get Out The Vote" campaigns, as well as assisting with U.S. citizenship. He now serves as an advisor to the council.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Olivas has served on various community boards including the Los Angeles Police Department Public Advisory Board and the Plaza de La Raza Culture Center. His leadership in the community as well as throughout the state of California has helped to develop worker friendly public policy.

**WHEREAS**, Mr. Olivas earned his Bachelor of Science Degree in Human Services, specializing in social welfare, at California State University of Fullerton.

**WHEREAS**, in April, 2002, Mr. Olivas was selected by the national AFL-CIO as the AFL-CIO Community Services Liaison, Western Regional Director, Department of Labor Participation, and United Way of America. He was responsible for the 13 states throughout the Western Region.

**WHEREAS**, in January 2017 Mr. Olivas was hired as a consultant for Los Angeles County Federation of Labor/United Way of Greater Los Angeles, with the responsibilities to create and develop a strategic plan for United Way of Greater Los Angeles Labor workplace giving program and to manage a Labor committee to oversee LA's United Way workplace giving program.

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**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE,** , that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, commend ARMANDO OLIVAS and extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation for his exemplary service to the City of Los Angeles and all Angelenos.

PRESENTED BY: 

NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilwoman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Barbara Haywood, Executive Administrative Assistant III, served an extraordinary 35-year career with the City of Los Angeles including 19 years with the Los Angeles Public Library. She is described by managers throughout the city as an exemplary employee and a vital component of the city workforce; and

**WHEREAS**, during her tenure, Ms. Haywood worked for several city departments including the Los Angeles World Airports, the City Attorney's Office, the Department Water and Power and the Department on Disability and rose through the city ranks as a clerk typist, senior clerk typist, legal clerk, secretary and through the executive administrative assistant series; and

**WHEREAS**, outstanding at anticipating needs, Ms. Haywood was proficient at helping supervisors meet deadlines during critical projects. She interacted adeptly with the Mayor's Office, city council members, library commissioners, city staff, potential donors, dignitaries and the public; and

**WHEREAS**, Ms. Haywood's organizational and management expertise aided administrators by providing quick access to information. She was relied upon for her exceptional diplomacy, discretion, responsiveness and ability to produce a large quantity of work at a high quality; and

**WHEREAS**, an indispensable asset, Ms. Haywood's calm, resolute and cooperative presence served as a strength during emergencies. She always showed a willingness to take on new assignments and was a quick learner; and

**WHEREAS**, throughout her exemplary career, Ms. Haywood worked with several city librarians who lauded her for being diligent, conscientious, meticulous, professional, caring, fair and diplomatic.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVE**, , that by the adoption of this resolution, the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council, commend BARBARA HAYWOOD and extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation for her devoted and exemplary service to the Los Angeles Public Library and all Angelenos, and wish her a joyful future.

PRESENTED BY: 

NURY MARTINEZ  
Councilwoman, 6<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY: 

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## RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must first have been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, on March 9, 2022, the Department of Education stated that it has so far identified 100,000 borrowers who are eligible for student debt cancellation due to the changes the agency made to the Public Service Loan Forgiveness program in October of 2021; and

WHEREAS, the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program cancels the balances of direct loans for eligible borrowers who are employed full-time in government or not-for-profit organizations once they've made 120 monthly qualified payments on loans under qualified repayment plans; and

WHEREAS, the Program was part of a larger package of education legislation signed into law by President George W. Bush in 2007; and

WHEREAS, the Program created about 15 years ago has only alleviated debt for a very small percentage of people who applied had received forgiveness before 2021; and

WHEREAS, the cancellations for those people are expected to total about \$6.2 billion in federal student debt relief; and

WHEREAS, the announcement marks the latest effort by the Biden administration to make it easier for some borrowers to qualify for loan forgiveness under existing programs; and

WHEREAS, the Biden administration temporarily expanded eligibility through October 31, 2022, so that the program now includes borrowers who had loans that didn't originally qualify; and


WHEREAS, with the pandemic and recent increase in cost of living, the City must identify creative economic solutions that contribute to a fair and more resilient economy that can bounce back after the unimaginable impacts from the COVID-19 pandemic; and

WHEREAS, with the latest effort by the Education Department to provide relief for borrowers burdened with billions of dollars in student loan debt, the City's Youth Development Department (YDD) will provide financial management tools and literacy for those students saddled with debt; and

WHEREAS, the City's YDD will be a key instrument in providing these financial management resources and tools for Angeleno youth, marking the department's purpose towards coordinating and housing youth related resources;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby commends the recent shift in the Public Service Loan Forgiveness Program which strengthens advocacy for student debt forgiveness and reform.

PRESENTED BY:

  
MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



  
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