

# COUNCIL ROLL CALL

ITEM(S) # COMMENDATORY Called Special By \_\_\_\_\_  
RESOLUTIONS

☐ CLOSED SESSION  
☐ Beginning  
☐ Reconvene

MOVER: O'FARZELL

SECONDER: BUSCAINO

WITHDRAWN FROM AGENDA  
 REFERRED TO:

MOTION ☐ AMENDING ☐ SUBSTITUTE ☐

CONTINUED TO:

10 VOTES TO CONSIDER: ☐ PUB HRG ☐  
 CLOSE ☐

COMMENTS

	YES	NO
<u>BLUMENFIELD</u>	✓	
<u>BONIN</u>	—	
<u>BUSCAINO</u>	✓	
<u>CEDILLO</u>	✓	
<u>DE LEÓN</u>	—	
<u>HARRIS-DAWSON</u>	—	
<u>KORETZ</u>	✓	
<u>KREKORIAN</u>	—	
<u>LEE</u>	✓	
<u>MARTINEZ</u>	✓	
<u>O'FARRELL</u>	✓	
<u>PRICE</u>	—	
<u>RAMAN</u>	✓	
<u>RODRIGUEZ</u>	✓	
<u>WESSON</u>	✓	
TOTALS	10	0

U.V. ☐ ADOPTED ☒ FAILED ☐  
 FORTHWITH ☐ TO MAYOR ☐  
 ORD OVER ☐ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

# RESOLUTION

## **Celebrating the Department of Cultural Affairs' *Big Read Program in Los Angeles* And Commemorating the 47<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Fall of Saigon**

**WHEREAS**, The Big Read is a national initiative sponsored by the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) in association with Arts Midwest designed to revitalize the role of literacy and the enjoyment of reading in American culture, and provide citizens with the opportunity to read and discuss a single book within their communities; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Los Angeles Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA) was awarded its 14<sup>th</sup> consecutive grant for DCA's *Big Read Program in Los Angeles* from the NEA; and

**WHEREAS**, the arts are a vital part of our diverse communities and schools; and it is through the arts that we build understanding, encourage creative expression, and strengthen our humanity; and

**WHEREAS**, Angelenos will read Thi Bui's book *The Best We Could Do*, and celebrate the art of storytelling through visual narratives, comics, and illustration; deepen our understanding of the refugee experience and the journey for a better future; explore the strength of family bonds; and

**WHEREAS**, the program will commemorate the 47<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Fall of Saigon; and, marks the start of mass emigration of almost 1.5 million Vietnamese, escaping the horrors of war and starting new fruitful lives in communities throughout the United States, especially the one in Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, we celebrate the Vietnamese American community in Los Angeles; and, this community thrived after the hardship of war, enhancing the cultural diversity of Los Angeles and enriching the region through their leadership in the fields of business, agriculture, academia, medicine, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, nearly two thousand books will be distributed to campuses of the Los Angeles Unified School District, City of Los Angeles Libraries, and twenty-five community organizations and art centers of the Department of Cultural Affairs; and

**WHEREAS**, DCA's community partners include: artworxLA; Boyle Heights Arts Conservatory; California Institute of the Arts Community Arts Partnership (CAP); DCA Neighborhood Arts and Cultural Centers; Grand Park; Libros Schmibros Lending Library; Los Angeles Public Library; Los Angeles Times Festival of Books; Los Angeles Unified School District; Museum of African American Art; Sony Pictures Media Arts Program; TeAda Productions; United Voices of Literacy; and authors and artists: Thi Bui, Joseph Saenz, Cynthia Navarro, and David G. Brown; and

**WHEREAS** the Department of Cultural Affairs, through the support of the National Endowment for the Arts, Sony Pictures Entertainment, and public/private partnerships have designed the *Big Read Program in Los Angeles* to directly benefit thousands of Angelenos in diverse neighborhoods throughout the City and encourage people of all ages to enjoy reading; and

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**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the adoption of this resolution the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize DCA's *NEA Big Read Program in Los Angeles* and the Vietnamese American Community of Los Angeles and calls upon our citizens to honor the work of the Department of Cultural Affairs, the Los Angeles Public Library, the National Endowment for the Arts, Arts Midwest, and the local public and private Big Read partners, schools, writers, and artists.

Presented by:



John S. Lee

Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

Seconded by:



All Members

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## Resolution

### AAPI LA DAY

**WHEREAS**, in 1990 Congress voted to expand Asian Pacific American Heritage from a week to a month-long celebration and in May 1992, the month of May was permanently designated as Asian Pacific American Heritage Month; and

**WHEREAS**, studies have found that the academic needs of Asian American and Pacific Islander students are frequently overlooked; and

**WHEREAS**, the Stop AAPI Hate reporting center documented over 2,800 hate incidents against AAPI communities in 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, racism against APIs has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic; and

**WHEREAS**, even in the darkness of AAPI Hate crime, AAPI have persevered, providing for their families and creating opportunities for their children; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge these Americans for their contributions to government, industry and commerce, agriculture, science, literature, and the arts; and

**WHEREAS**, we acknowledge the historical and cultural contributions of AAPI in the development of the city of Los Angeles; and

**WHEREAS**, the diversity of these groups include Asian Indian, Bengali, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Guamanian, Hawaiian, Hmong, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Lao, Malayan, Okinawan, Pakistani, Samoan, Thai, Vietnamese, and others; and

**WHEREAS**, the number of people identifying as Asian in LA county grew by 11.4%, far more than any other group, which is equal to an increase of 153,199 residents; and

  
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**WHEREAS**, AAPI community has been historically misrepresented, disregarded, and often referred to as the 'invisible minority'; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council declares May 3, 2022 and each May 3rd thereafter, AAPI LA Day in the City of Los Angeles.

Presented by:



John S. Lee

Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

Seconded by:



All Members

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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the greatest accolade a public servant can receive is that bestowed upon him by the public he serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer II+II Andres Cruz, Serial No. 25952 was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on May 8, 1988. During his 32 years of service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles and the Police Department, he brought his unique skills and work ethic to assignments at the Police Academy, Southeast Division, Central Division, South Traffic Division, West Traffic Division and Central Traffic Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, his assignment to Southeast Division taught him the art of Policing. In 1989, he was assigned to Central Division where he would hone his skills as an Officer. He transferred to South Traffic Division in 1990. He joined the Los Angeles Police Department's elite motor cadre in 1994, and earned an upgrade to Police Motor Officer II+II. He joined the Police Motorcycle Drill Team, ultimately becoming one of its most senior members; and

**WHEREAS**, during his 26 years as a Motor Officer, he was assigned to South Traffic, West Traffic and Central Traffic Divisions, where he worked various assignments, including the Target Against Gangsters unit, Crime Task Force, Traffic Enforcement, and the Driving Under the Influence task force, earning yearly recognition from Mothers Against Drunk Drivers for his efforts in combatting drunk driving within the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as an Officer, Andres Cruz has displayed a record of exemplary service while employing outstanding leadership ability and resourcefulness. His participation during the Civil Unrest of 1992 helped to quell the fears of an uneasy public, and his dedication to duty during the Democratic National Convention in 2000 was invaluable in aiding the City in protecting its citizens, while allowing the political process to continue un-interrupted; and

**WHEREAS**, Andres Cruz developed an outstanding record of exemplary service as a police officer, accumulating 122 commendations and citizen letters of praise outlining his achievements as both an officer and a gentleman. He retires as the Senior Motor Officer at Central Traffic Division, and the 3rd most senior motor officer in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, on April 30, 2020, Officer Andres Cruz, will begin his long deserved and hard earned retirement;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council commends Officer Cruz for his 32 years of outstanding achievement in the field of law enforcement, a record of attainment that has exemplified the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police department, saved lives and protected property, affirmed the rule of law in our society and made our city a better and safer place in which to live and work. The Los Angeles City Council, on behalf of the people of this city, extends best wishes to Officer Cruz on his retirement.

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PRESENTED BY:

  
NURY MARTINEZ

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

SECONDED BY:

  
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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, the greatest accolade a public servant can receive is that bestowed upon him by the public he serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer II+II Raymond E. Hallenbeck, Serial No. 26129, was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on June 27, 1988. During his 32 years of service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles, he brought his unique skill and work ethic to assignments at the Police Academy, Southwest Division, South Traffic and Central Traffic Division; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1988, his assignment to Southwest Division allowed him to learn the fundamentals of Police work while working Patrol. In 1990, he transferred to South Traffic Division, where he learned the fine art of Collision Investigation, and, trained to become a Drug Recognition Expert. He transferred back to Southwest Area in 1992, and worked the Hype unit, Special Problems Unit and patrol; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Hallenbeck transferred back to South Traffic Division in 1993, where he continued to share his expertise with newly assigned traffic officers. He continued his training in drug recognition, becoming at the time, one of the departments few Drug Recognition Expert instructors. His hard work and dedication earned him South Traffic Divisions Collision Investigator Officer of the Year award in 1994. In 1995, He sought assignment to the Los Angeles Police Department's elite motor officer cadre and after completing the rigorous training program was upgraded to Police Motor Officer II+II; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Hallenbeck transferred to Central Traffic Division, where he would remain for the next 25-years. While assigned to Central Traffic Division, he would work details in Traffic Enforcement, DUI watch, Impound task force, the Traffic Complaint Safety Unit, and lastly, the Detective Follow-Up Unit. He was one of the innovators of Central Traffic Divisions "H20"-Habitual DUI Offender Detail, and was recognized yearly by MADD-Mothers against Drunk Drivers for his numerous arrests of the habitual drunk driver; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2009, He earned a loan to Central Traffic Divisions Detective follow-up unit, where his tenacity and investigative prowess earned him the Detective of the Year award in 2013, and again, in 2019. Hallenbeck finishes his career loaned to Central Traffic Detectives as a "pseudo Detective" Motor Officer. Hallenbeck retires as Central Traffic Divisions 4th most senior motorcycle officer, and the 7th most senior motor officer in the City; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as a Police Officer, Hallenbeck has displayed a record of exemplary service while employing outstanding leadership ability and resourcefulness. His participation during the Civil Unrest of 1992 helped to quell the fears of the public, and his dedication during the Democratic National Convention in 2000 was invaluable in aiding the City in protecting its citizens, while allowing the political process to continue un-interrupted; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Hallenbeck developed an outstanding record of exemplary service, accumulating over 200 commendations and citizen letters of praise outlining his achievements as both an officer and a gentleman; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council commends Officer Hallenbeck for his 32 years of outstanding achievement in the field of law enforcement, a record of attainment that has exemplified the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police department, saved lives and protected property, affirmed the rule of law in our society and made our city a better and safer place

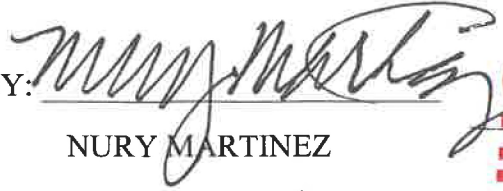
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in which to live and work. The Los Angeles City Council, on behalf of the people of this city, extends best wishes to Officer Hallenbeck on his retirement.

PRESENTED BY:



NURY MARTINEZ

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

SECONDED BY:



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# RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, the greatest accolade a public servant can receive is that bestowed upon him by the public he serves; and

**WHEREAS**, Police Officer ID+I Robert O. Palma, Serial No. 26756 was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on April 24, 1989. During his 33 years of service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles, he brought his unique skill and work ethic to assignments at the Police Academy, Newton Patrol Division, Southwest Patrol Division and Central Traffic Division.; and

**WHEREAS**, in 1989, his assignment to Newton Division allowed him to learn the fundamentals of Police work while working Patrol as a Probationary Officer. In 1990, he transferred to Southwest Division, working assignments in Patrol, Foot Beat detail, and where he took part in restoring order during the 1992 Civil Unrest. In 1994, Palma transferred to Central Traffic Division, where he worked as a Collision Investigator, and attended the Basic, Intermediate, and Enhanced Collision Investigation Course, which assisted him in his crash investigations; and

**WHEREAS**, during his time as a Collision Investigator, Palma investigated an extensive amount of fatal and severe injury crashes involving drunk drivers, making it his personal goal to concentrate on DUI arrests. His goal led him to become a Drug Recognition Expert which helped tremendously in his DUI investigations and was twice the recipient of the MADD award and became a court qualified expert in several drug categories. Palma would finish his career, assigned to Central Traffic Detectives where he earned a promotion to Police Officer III as an Auditor, then a promotion to Police Officer III+I as a Case Carrying Investigator. Palma retires as Central Traffic Divisions 2nd most senior Officer in Traffic Detective Section; and

**WHEREAS**, during his tenure as a Police Officer, Palma, displayed a record of exemplary service while employing outstanding leadership ability and resourcefulness. His hard work tenure, dedication and expertise made him the go to guy for those seeking information and advice involving crashes. His participation during the Civil Unrest of 1992 helped to quell the fears of the public, and his dedication during the Democratic National Convention in 2000 was invaluable in aiding the City in protecting its citizens, while allowing the political process to continue un-interrupted; and

**WHEREAS**, Officer Palma developed an outstanding record of exemplary service, accumulating numerous commendations and citizen letters outlining his achievements. In 2015, he was named Investigator of The Year while assigned to Central Traffic Divisions Detective unit;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council commends Officer Palma for his 33 years of outstanding achievement in the field of law enforcement, a record of attainment that has exemplified the highest traditions of the Los Angeles Police department, saved lives and protected property, affirmed the rule of law in our society and made our city a better and safer place in which to live and work. The Los Angeles

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City Council, on behalf of the people of this city, extends best wishes to Officer Palma on his retirement.

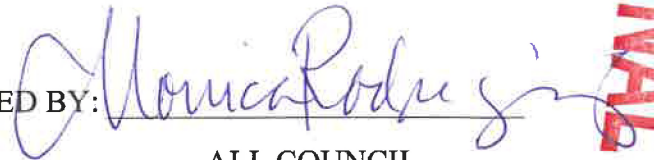
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