

**RESOLUTION**  
**HILLSIDE FEDERATION**

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION was founded 70 years ago to protect the property and the quality of life of the residents of the Santa Monica Mountains and other hillside areas of Los Angeles and its environs; and

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION has grown from 12 to 46 member associations, representing over 250,000 residents spanning the breadth of Los Angeles from Pacific Palisades to Mount Washington; and

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION is a daily participant in the government arena, working for its members at city, county, state and national levels; and

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION's successful legislative efforts have included establishment of the Mountain Fire District, and the enactment of numerous ordinances concerning sustainable land use and wildlife protection; and

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION succeeded in a 20-year effort to secure recognition of parkland known today as Runyon Canyon Park and Cross Mountain Park; and

WHEREAS, most recently THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION has campaigned successfully for the creation of the world's largest wildlife crossing; and

WHEREAS, shared concerns have brought THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION into increasing cooperation with adjoining non-hillside neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, after 70 years, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION continues to preserve open space, and to protect the mountains and hillsides from crime, fire, erosion and overdevelopment; and

WHEREAS, THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION has enjoyed outstanding success in achieving its aims of encouraging and promoting those policies and programs which will best preserve the natural topography and wildlife of the mountains and hillsides for the benefit of all the people of Los Angeles;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this measure the Los Angeles City Council commends THE HILLSIDE FEDERATION for its seven decades of service to the City of Los Angeles, its people, and the surrounding region.

PRESENTED BY: Paul Krikorian  
PAUL KREKORIAN  
Councilmember, Second District

PRESENTED BY: Paul Koretz  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember Fifth District

PRESENTED BY: Nithya Raman  
NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, Fourth District

PRESENTED BY: JS for Mitch O'Farrell  
MITCH O'FARRELL  
Councilmember, Thirteenth District

PRESENTED BY: Bob Blumenfeld  
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Councilmember, Third District

Seconded by: Monica Rodriguez

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# RESOLUTION

## Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services

### Celebrates 80 Years of Service

WHEREAS, Didi Hirsch Mental Health Services (Didi Hirsch M.H.S) was founded in 1942; and

WHEREAS, Didi Hirsch was a social worker, tireless advocate for mental health and substance use services and a philanthropist; and

WHEREAS, Didi Hirsch's M.H.S. Via Avanta opened as the first residential center for women struggling with substance use where mothers could remain with their children while in treatment; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Los Angeles Psychiatric Service (LA SPC) was renamed to Didi Hirsch M.H.S. to honor our long standing supporter; and

WHEREAS, in 1974, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. began offering specialized children's mental health services; and

WHEREAS, in 1981, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. pioneered its Survivors After Suicide bereavement group model now used around the world; and

WHEREAS in 1982, Didi Hirsch M.H.S.' Excelsior House opened as a treatment program for adults suffering a mental health crisis; and

WHEREAS, in 1986, Jump Street opened as a second residential treatment program; and

WHEREAS, in 1997, LA SPC merged with Didi Hirsch to become the Didi Hirsch Suicide Prevention Center; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, Didi Hirsch M.H.S became a founding member of the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, in 2008, Didi Hirsch M.H.S offered one of the first crisis lines in the nation to serve Spanish-speaking callers 24/7; and

WHEREAS in 2011, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. established the California Suicide Prevention Network with 10 statewide crisis centers to build capacity in suicide prevention and encourage adoption of best practice interventions, curricula, and protocols; and

WHEREAS, in 2013 Didi Hirsch M.H.S. was one of three centers selected for the national Disaster Distress Helpline; and

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WHEREAS, in 2014, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. Support Groups for Suicide Attempt Survivors manual is the first to be listed with the national Suicide Prevention Resource Center's Programs and Resources; and

WHEREAS, in 2014, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. Via Avanta expanded to combine rapid re-housing, dual-diagnosis treatment, and family-oriented therapy; and

WHEREAS, in 2020, the American Association of Suicidology presented Didi Hirsch M.H.S. Crisis Residential Programs with the inaugural Crisis Unit of Excellence Award; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. was designated by the State of California to lead statewide planning efforts for the implementation of 9-8-8, the nationwide number for anyone facing a mental health or suicide crisis; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Mantra Health and Didi Hirsch M.H.S. partnered to provide best-in-class virtual mental health services and 24/7 on-demand support for college students who need immediate mental health, substance use, or suicide crisis care; and

WHEREAS, Didi Hirsch M.H.S. has been an unequivocal leader in their field, fighting to combat stigma, raise awareness, and bring resources to the local Los Angeles community,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council celebrates Didi Hirsch M.H.S. 80 years of service to Angelenos and commends their staunch advocacy for mental health awareness.

PRESENTED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY: \_\_\_\_\_

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## Mental Health Month

WHEREAS, Mental Health Month was established in 1949 to increase awareness of the importance of mental health and wellness in Americans' lives and to celebrate recovery from mental illness; and

WHEREAS, the 2022 State of Mental Health in America report indicates a growing national mental health crisis caused by compounding stressors; and

WHEREAS, the COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated this crisis, leading to an increase in Americans who suffer from depression, anxiety, suicidal ideation and other mental illnesses; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has been a leader in advocating and facilitating access to mental health services; and

WHEREAS, the Los Angeles Psychiatric Service was established as the first freestanding, nonprofit community outpatient clinic for adults in Los Angeles County in 1942 ; and

WHEREAS, a decade later, the Los Angeles Suicide Prevention Center opened as the first of its kind in the nation and was accredited by the American Association of Suicidology in 1971; and

WHEREAS, in 1963, the first 24/7 telephone crisis line in the nation went live in Los Angeles; and


WHEREAS, in 1970, Didi Hirsch received federal designation as a Community Mental Health Center; and

WHEREAS, over the last few decades, we have seen various policies implemented at the local, state and federal level to address mental health such as the Mental Health Parity Act, the California Mental Health Services Act, amending the Americans with Disabilities Act to include people with psychiatric disabilities; and establishing a National Suicide Prevention Lifeline; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles will continue to lead in its advocacy for mental health services to address the growing mental health crisis; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares May 2022 as Mental Health Month.

PRESENTED BY:

  
NITHYA RAMAN  
Councilmember, 4th District

SECONDED BY:



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

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Brian Preston, Serial No 30634 was appointed to The Los Angeles Police Department in 1993 as a recruit officer. During his 28 ½ years of dedicated service to the people and communities of the City of Los Angeles, he brought his unique skill, candor, and work ethic to assignments at the Police Academy, West Valley Division, 77<sup>th</sup> Division, Southeast Division, Hollywood Division, Newton Division, and Rampart Division; and

**WHEREAS**, While at the 77<sup>th</sup> Division, he was recognized for his hard work and was assigned to the elite 77<sup>th</sup> Division C.R.A.S.H where he specialized as a gang officer. In March 1998, he was promoted to Police Officer III Field Training Officer where he trained and mentored Probationary Officers, working the busiest divisions within the Los Angeles Police Department; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant Preston was assigned as an “archangel officer” at Emergency Services Division, assessing threat levels in the City of Los Angeles related to terrorism from May of 2009 to March of 2010. In February 2019, he was promoted to Police Sergeant I, where he worked patrol and was tasked with supervisory duties of the patrol officers. Sergeant Preston then began his final assignment at Rampart Division supervising patrol officers; and

**WHEREAS**, Throughout Sergeant Preston’s more than 28 years of service, he distinguished himself from others with his expertise and broad knowledge of Department policies, his care and concern for his partners and subordinates, and his overall dedication to the Law Enforcement Profession. The exemplary dedication and professionalism he has shared with the community, the Department, and the City of Los Angeles throughout his distinguished career is highly commendable and has earned him the esteem and gratitude of his colleagues, supervisors, and the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City Council commends Sergeant Preston for his 28 1/2 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 Sergeant Preston on his retirement.

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PRESENTED BY:

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NURY MARTINEZ

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

SECONDED BY:

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## **RESOLUTION**

**WHEREAS**, Michael Shull graduated from Pennsylvania State University in 1990 with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Civil Engineering and is currently a licensed Professional Engineer in the State of California. Mike began his Los Angeles City career at Public Works, Bureau of Engineering Department on June 11, 1990, as a Civil Engineering Assistant; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike received a promotion to a Civil Engineering Associate II at Bureau of Engineering on July 1, 1998, and in July of 2000, promoted to a Civil Engineer Associate III; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike transitioned to a Civil Engineer Associate Project Manager I on August 8, 2001, and then promoted to Civil Engineer Project Manager II on December 14, 2003, with Public Works, Bureau of Engineering. At Public Works, Mike immersed himself in the project management of many large City capital projects centered on the Department of Recreation and Parks, where his knowledge and interest expanded with the challenges the City's park system faced; and

**WHEREAS**, In 2005, Mike joined the City's Recreation and Parks team as the head of the Planning Division working on innovative design approaches to improve existing parks and increase access to open space; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike was promoted to Senior Civil Engineer Project Manager III, on September 6, 2006, promoting again to Assistant General Manager on November 11, 2012. Mike guided the development of several major Department facility assessment reports and parks initiatives, including the 2006 Pool Assessment Report, the 2009 Citywide Community Needs Assessment and the Department's Water Conservation Plan, and the Department's 2019 Five Year Strategic Plan; and

**WHEREAS**, Since Mike joined in 2005, the Department has added 74 new parks and expanded 14 others, adding nearly 700 acres of land while reducing potable water usage by approximately 50%. In 2013, Mayor Eric Garcetti appointed Mike as General Manager of the Department of Recreation and Parks to oversee more than 450 City Parks on over 16,000 acres of land, 1500 full-time employees, and manages an operating budget above \$275 million; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike, by using data and technology, implemented equity-based strategies and goals in both achieving gender parity while doubling youth participation in many recreation programs which culminated in a \$160M funding agreement with the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic and Paralympic Games to subsidize youth sports and fitness programs, removing cost barriers for participation in the City of Los Angeles lower-income areas; and

**WHEREAS**, Mike is most proud of managing the Department during some of the City's most challenging fiscal years while expanding park access, adding many new park amenities, increasing capital investment in low-income communities, achieving gender equity, growing recreational programs, improving RAP's emergency response, and ultimately restoring critical operation position authorities; and

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**WHEREAS,** Mike led RAP's response to the COVID-19 pandemic including opening 24 homeless shelters, childcare for first responders, testing and vaccination sites at parks, and 60 alternative learning centers for school aged children following schools closures.

**WHEREAS,** Mike is an active member of the National Recreation and Parks Association and World Urban Parks and is currently an active board member of the City Parks Alliance and American Academy for Park and Recreation Administration. During his tenure with the city, and continuous contributions to the Department of Recreation and Parks, Mike Shull has been acknowledged for outstanding service in his field; and

**WHEREAS,** Mike Shull will have completed his career in June of 2022, after serving over 30 years of dedicated, loyal, and professional service to the community, and the City of Los Angeles. He looks forward to traveling, spending quality time with family and friends;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED,** that the Los Angeles City Council commends Mike Shull on his retirement, extends its best wishes to him for a happy and healthful retirement, and expresses its gratitude for his more than 30 years of service to the people of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:



NURY MARTINEZ

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

SECONDED BY:



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**WHEREAS**, approximately 5 million cases of financial exploitation of the elderly occur in the U.S. each year and the financial loss by victims is more than \$2.9 billion annually; and

**WHEREAS**, senior citizens own more than half of all the financial assets in America and are consequently the primary targets for fraudulent practices, and it is estimated by the U.S. Subcommittee on Health and Long Term Care that seniors represent approximately 30 percent of scam victims; and

**WHEREAS**, senior fraud is a growing concern as millions of Americans every year fall victim to Medicare scams, Veterans scams, government impersonator (such as Social Security and IRS) scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, investment and work-at-home scams, bereavement scams, identity theft, charity and disaster scams, COVID-19 related scams, grandparent scams, tech support scams, romance scams, pet scams, and home repair scams; and

**WHEREAS**, senior fraud is under-reported, often due to embarrassment associated with a person being defrauded, and lack of information about where to report incidents of fraud; and

**WHEREAS**, caregivers, con artists and unscrupulous salespersons are the primary perpetrators of senior fraud, using intimidation, fear, and positions of authority and control to get the victim to send money or share private financial information; and

**WHEREAS**, we honor organizations that provide senior fraud education, like the “Stop Senior Scams Acting Program,” a peer-to-peer educational program that uses theater to educate the public about current scams that target the older adult population.

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares May 13, 2022, as “Senior Fraud Awareness Day” in the City of Los Angeles and extends the City’s appreciation to the “Stop Senior Scams Acting Program” and other such senior educational organizations for their continued work to raise awareness and combat incidents of senior fraud.

PRESENTED BY

  
PAUL KORETZ  
Councilmember, 5<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY

  
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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer has completed thirty-five years of distinguished service for Los Angeles Police Department and epitomizes his academy class motto, "*Never Surrender and Never Retreat*"; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer was appointed to the Los Angeles Police Department on June 22, 1987; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer, during his distinguished career, served with honor in the following assignments, Pacific, Harbor, Wilshire, Southwest, which included assignments as a Training Officer, Senior Lead Officer and Community Relations Supervisor, Rampart and Operations-South Bureau Complaint Unit; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer, served in the capacity of supervisor for over 20 years and has been evaluated by his superiors as a dedicated and self-motivated Sergeant with a high degree of integrity and job interest. Sergeant Cryer possessed sincere compassion and empathy towards his fellow coworkers and the citizens of Los Angeles and strived to ensure that they were treated respectfully, fairly, and professionally; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer was a superior supervisor, who was committed and dedicated to the training and continuous improvement of officers, to ensure that they operated in a safe manner, while still maintaining a high level of productivity and being the best representation that the Department has to offer; and

**WHEREAS**, Sergeant I Michael Cryer is a beloved husband to retired Los Angeles Police Department Detective I Carla Cryer and a devoted father to his son Michael Cryer II:

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that the Los Angeles City council highly commends Sergeant I Michael Cryer for thirty-five years of outstanding achievements in law enforcement, a record that exemplifies the highest tradition of the Los Angeles Police Department and has made our City a better and safer place to work and live. We congratulate Sergeant Cryer and extend our best wishes in his retirement.

Presented By: \_\_\_\_\_

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON  
Councilmember, Eighth District

Seconded By: \_\_\_\_\_

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