WHEREAS, Chad Molnar has served the people of the City of Los Angeles in various capacities since 2003; and

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar is the first in his family to be born in the United States; and

WHEREAS. Chad Molnar graduated from the University of Massachusetts with a B.A. in Political Science; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar moved to Los Angeles from the East Coast and soon was hired to lead the District Office for then-Congresswoman Jane Harman from 2003 - 2007, serving as the District Director and top advisor on all issues relating to the Port of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar pioneered the role of LAX-Community Liaison for Councilmember Bill Rosendahl, a position developed by Los Angeles World Airports (LAWA) and the City Council to provide Council District 11 communities with accurate and objective information regarding LAX modernization and the airport's impacts on the surrounding neighborhoods, and to inform LAWA regarding the concerns of those communities; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar quickly became a trusted resource for neighbors in Westchester and Playa del Rey and served an essential and invaluable role in the negotiations which led to the settlement that cleared the way for the \$15 billion modernization effort; and.

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar helped create a meaningful connection between Los Angeles International Airport and Metro Rail by coordinating efforts to build the Automated People Mover at LAX and other transportation amenities that will be part of the Landside Access Modernization Program, improvements that will improve the travel experience for millions of travelers; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar led the Council District 11 staff as Chief of Staff since Councilmember Mike Boni's first day in office in 2013; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar has had a direct and positive impact on the lives of countless people throughout Los Angeles, including on the lives of hundreds of formerly homeless people be ensured came indoors during outreach efforts; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar played a pivotal role in the work to adopt a living wage for hotel employees living near LAX, then hotel employees throughout Los Angeles, and then all workers in LA - working with colleagues on the City Council and in civic organizations throughout the city to lift up millions of working men and women; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar coordinated and marshaled resources for the Venice Beach Encampments to Homes effort, which remains the largest housing effort in the history of Los Angeles that connected people who had been living on the street with long-term housing resources; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar helped negotiate landmark agreements that secured a record level of affordable housing in a major Westside Development project - elevating the bar for how affordable housing can be included in new development; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar worked closely with beloved institutions on and around Sunset Boulevard to establish the "Sunset Standard" - a metric that will reduce traffic on the crowded corridor by helping schools, houses of worship and other businesses reduce vehicle trips as their facilities are remodeled and modernized; and,

WHEREAS Chad Molnar will leave city service to attend Tulane Law School at the end of July, 2022; and,

WHEREAS, Chad Molnar has made life better for people in Los Angeles through tireless and selfless work,

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Los Angeles thank Chad Molnar for his exceptional leadership and service to Los Angeles, and wish him luck in his future endeavors.

SIGNED:

MIKE BONIN

Councilmember, 11th District

SECONDED:

Resolution CHIEF DEPUTY AL POIRIER

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY AL POIRIER retired from the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT effective AUGUST 5, 2022, with 36 years of City service; and

Whereas, AL POIRIER was appointed to the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT on September 7, 1986, and has served unselfishly and professionally for more than three decades in the following ranks:

| Firefighter | 9/7/1986 |
|------------------------|------------|
| Apparatus Operator | 3/3/1992 |
| Fire Captain I | 10/30/1994 |
| Fire Captain II | 2/14/1999 |
| Battalion Chief | 12/15/2013 |
| Deputy Chief | 4/2/2017 |

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER achieved success in the most challenging of assignments and faithfully served the CITY OF LOS ANGELES at Fire Stations 4, 9, 3, 2, 105, 1, 4, 56, 82, 39, and 66; as well as several investigative, administrative, and emergency management assignments in the Bureau of Emergency Services and Disaster Response; and

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER during his service to the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT, dealt with countless emergencies, disasters, and noteworthy events, including multiple devastating wildland fires, the 1992 Civil Disturbance, and the 1994 Northridge Earthquake. He was a member of the FEMA Urban Search & Rescue Team (CATF-1) in Los Angeles for over 20 years, with deployments that included the World Trade Center event in NYC on 9/11 and the Gulf Hurricane Disaster in 2005; and

Whereas, in early 2016, Mayor Eric Garcetti selected CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER to serve as the Interim General Manager of the Los Angeles Emergency Management Department; and

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER spent several months in this senior leadership role, where he managed the City's Emergency Operations Center and facilitated the Emergency Operations Board activities while coordinating the emergency preparedness efforts of approximately 40 separate Los Angeles City departments and bureaus; and

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER completed undergraduate studies in Fire Protection Administration at Cal State University Los Angeles, achieved his Bachelor's Degree in Emergency Services Management from Union Institute and University, and a Master's Degree in Security Studies from the Naval Postgraduate School in Monterey, California; and

Whereas, CHIEF DEPUTY POIRIER earned the admiration and respect of his peers and subordinates through his dedication and commitment to the fire service and the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the CITY OF LOS ANGELES and the LOS ANGELES FIRE DEPARTMENT does hereby express gratitude and appreciation to CHIEF DEPUTY AL POIRIER for his devoted, loyal, and invaluable service; and for providing professional expertise and knowledge to benefit the Citizens of the CITY OF LOS ANGELES; and does hereby extend best wishes for a happy, healthy, and rewarding retirement.

PRESENTED BY:

JOHN S. LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, the Oaxaqueño community has a long-standing presence in the City of Los Angeles and a highly regarded reputation of making outstanding contributions to the city; and

WHEREAS, Oaxaqueños have enriched the cultural landscape in the City of Los Angeles through sharing their arts and traditions in festivals such as the Guelaguetza organized by the Organización Regional de Oaxaca (ORO) for the past 35 years; and

WHEREAS, Oaxaqueños have contributed to the economic development of Los Angeles through their entrepreneurship, the activities of the Asociación Oaxaqueña de Negocios (AON), and their presence in the service sector; and

WHEREAS, the Oaxaqueño community has provided the City of Los Angeles a public service through community programs such as Basketball tournaments hosted by Club Basquetbol Raza Unida (CBRU); and

WHEREAS, the Oaxaqueño community has taken the responsibility to educate and share their diversity and culture through the Cultural Sensitivity workshops held by the Frente Indígena de Organizaciones Binacionales (FIOB) for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, the Oaxaqueño community has enhanced the musical and cultural diversity in Los Angeles through the organization of wind instrument bands and folkloric dance troupes. They bring a unique gastronomic diversity to the culinary culture of Los Angeles through various Oaxaqueño restaurants and public food events; and

WHEREAS, community members create a unique linguistic diversity in our city through practicing and preserving their 16 indigenous languages; and

WHEREAS, Oaxaqueños are civically engaged in their government creating an impact at the local and state level, hosting phone drives, fundraisers and voter registration drives.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, hereby extend best wishes to the Oaxaqueño community for a wonderful celebration of OAXAQUEÑO HERITAGE MONTH.

PRESENTED BY

SECONDED BY:

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oundilwoman, 6th District

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WHEREAS, Reverend Mark Gory was born September 14, 1952 to Milton and Greta Gory, and raised in the Los Angeles Area. He graduated from Susan Miller Dorsey High School and studied Music and Economic at the University of Southern California; and

WHEREAS, He married Ganine Maria Smith on August 8, 2021 and had a son Gibran D. Gory; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gory pursued studies in Philosophy and Religious Studies as a dual major at Trinity Theological Seminary. He served in the ministries of Morningside Congregational Church UCC, Higher Calling Ministries, and First AME Church of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gory actively served the community including, on the Mayor of Los Angeles' Homeland Security Crisis Response Team, on the City of Los Angeles' Congress of Neighborhoods Planning Committee, as a Religious Organization Liaison for City of Los Angeles Empowerment Congress West Are Neighborhood Development Counsel, with the City of Los Angeles' Gang Reduction Youth Development Committee, as well as the Baldwin Village Community in Action; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Gory passed in his home on Friday, June 3, 2022 at the age of 69. He was preceded in death by his parents and cousin Reverend Janice Marie Bailey. He is survived by his son, Gibran Gory, and grandchildren, as well as a host of family and friends.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, remembers and celebrates the life of Reverend Mark Gory and extends heartfelt thanks and appreciation for his exemplary service to the City of Los Angeles and all Angelenos throughout his life.

PRESENTED BY

Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:



WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti is a lifelong Council District 7 resident and currently lives with her family in Lakeview Terrace; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti is a graduate from California State University, Long Beach and was the President of the Environmental Science and Policy Club; and

WHEREAS, as a undergraduate student Dominique was involved with conservation and environmental justice nonprofits, and spearheaded expansion of sustainability practices on campus; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti joined the Council District 7 team as a Policy Communications Intern at City Hall and went on to serve as a Caseworker for the Foothills area. She then became an Area Representative for the Mission Hills and Lake View Terrace communities; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti is ending her time with the Council District 7 team as a Legislative Deputy, staffing Public Safety Committee and City Council meetings. Among one of her greatest accomplishments includes serving as the point person for the inaugural cohort of the City's First Olivia Mitchell Youth Council. She was also an invaluable member of the MRod Budget Team; and

WHEREAS, Dominique played an integral role in the community engagement efforts for the establishment of the Lopez Canyon Greenspace and "Mission Mile," the successful \$39M Active Transportation Program (ATP) Grant that will bring three miles of multimodal safety enhancements and a center median-running park and recreation space to Mission Hills; and

WHEREAS, in her brief moments of free time during the work day, you could find Dominique enjoying the sunshine on her "matcha runs"; and

WHEREAS, one of Dominique's favorite phrases was "iconic", which could be used in a myriad of situations, but was mainly a way to verbalize praise for a colleague's hard work; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti paired her love for sustainability and style through her leadership in coordinating clothing swaps; and

WHEREAS, when she is not working, Dominique enjoys working in her garden and hiking the San Gabriel Mountains; and

WHEREAS, Dominique Vitti was honored to represent the community she grew up in, having served nearly four years and worked her way up and now starts her journey with graduate school;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council extends its warmest congratulations to Dominique Vitti for her outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Seconth Council District and extends best wishes for her continued success in her new endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

MONICA RODRIGUE

Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:

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WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger was born in Los Angeles, California, and resides in the County of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger joined the Los Angeles Police Department and started his police academy training on April 5, 1993; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger has had an inspiring career spanning over 29 years of faithful service with the Los Angeles Police Department; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger has worked in 10 divisions including assignments in Patrol, Juvenile Narcotics, Detectives, Gang Enforcement, In-Service Training, FBI Task Force, Patrol Supervisor, Training Coordinator, and Aide to the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger while in the rank of a police officer, served in West Los Angeles Patrol, Southwest Patrol and CRASH, and Operations South Bureau FBI Task Force, and while assigned to Training Division, assisted in establishing and creating the Law Enforcement Tactical Applications Course (LETAC); and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger as a Sergeant, supervised the first Safer Cities Initiative Unit in Central Division's Skid Row area, and supervised a plain-clothes Special Problems Unit at the Los Angeles World Airport; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger, as a Sergeant II, held the position of Training Coordinator for Operations South Bureau, and was the Aide to the Inspector General; and

WHEREAS, Jody Kevin Stiger, served as a member of several professional and community-based organizations including, the Oscar Joel Bryant Foundation, where he was an elected board member and president. During his tenure, he established a number of community outreach programs. He was steadfast in effecting positive change in both the community and the Department and was successful in building strong long-lasting community ties with the people he served, local businesses, and the Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by adoption of this resolution, that the Mayor and the Los Angeles City Council hereby commend Jody Kevin Stiger for his dedicated service to the public and to the Los Angeles Police Department and congratulate him on his extensive professional accomplishments and extends best wishes for his retirement.

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MONICA RODRIGUI

Councilwoman, 7th Distri

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney was born and raised in Minnesota and currently lives in Burbank with her husband, Christopher, and daughter, Trinity; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney earned her Bachelor's Degree in Business Communications from the University of St. Thomas in Saint Paul, Minnesota before moving to California to begin her career; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney has been working in communications and marketing for more than twenty years; and

WHEREAS, prior to joining the team, Laura spent most of her career in the private sector and over a year working in Council District 14 as the Communications Director; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney joined the Council District 7 team as Communications Director in 2021, securing media coverage for numerous press releases and events including, community food drives, vaccine clinics, giveaways, the city's inaugural Fireworks Buyback, and the first city-sponsored drone light show; and

WHEREAS, serving as the Communications Director, she was always on point for maintaining brand awareness for Team MRod. One of her greatest projects was revamping the office's website; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney's favorite spot to grab lunch while at City Hall was at Bok Bok, and was heartbroken when it closed— alas, she found a replacement in Trimana; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney served as a communications mentor to Team MRod when it came to communications know-how's and maintained a close working relationship with Channel 35; and

WHEREAS, Laura McKinney took pride in her work as a committed member of her community's Home Ownership Association, and was dubbed the "HOA Queen"; and

WHEREAS, on her off time, Laura often attended her daughter's softball games on the weekends; and

WHEREAS, when she is not working, Laura enjoys spending time with her family, cats, and exploring all of the unique neighborhoods and sites that make Los Angeles so special;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council extends its warmest congratulations to Laura McKinney for her outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the Seventh Council District and extends best wishes for her continued success in her new endeavors.

PRESENTED BY

MONICA RODRIGUEZ

Councilwoman, 7h District

SECONDED BY

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RESOLUTION City Engineer Gary Lee Moore

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore was raised in Lynwood, California. He graduated from the University of California, Los Angeles with a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering and joined the Bureau of Engineering in July 1985 as a Mechanical Engineering Assistant. Gary met his wife of 28 years, Chinsook Kim Moore, while both were working for the Bureau of Engineering. On July 29, 2022, Gary Lee Moore will be retiring after completing 37 years of dedicated service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore was appointed as City Engineer in 2003 and has served for 19 years in that position. He has demonstrated outstanding professional leadership and during his time as the general manager of the Bureau of Engineering, he has overseen the City's planning, design, and construction of infrastructure and public facilities, the annual issuance of 20,000 permits, and the maintenance of the City's GIS mapping; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore has overseen the completion of 2,600 projects totaling \$7 billion, including the \$588 million Sixth Street Viaduct, the largest bridge project in the history of Los Angeles. City Engineer Gary Lee Moore led the 2007 Los Angeles River Revitalization Master Plan and has overseen other notable projects including: the Police Administration Building; the Griffith Observatory Renovation and Expansion Project; 2,845 beds of interim housing for those experiencing homelessness; 30 bridge projects; 22 new fire stations and facilities; 18 new libraries; 15 new police stations and facilities; 15 new swimming pools; 200 park projects; 46 Proposition O projects; 7 new animal services centers; 7 new Los Angeles Zoo exhibits; renovation of the Unesco World Heritage historic Hollyhock House; 492 projects improving the processes of the four water reclamation plants within the City; 814 miles of sewer repairs; 125 miles of sidewalk repairs under the Sidewalk Repair Program; the Los Angeles Department of Transportation Bus Maintenance Facility; the Wilshire Boulevard Bus Rapid Transit; and the Santa Monica Boulevard Transit Parkway; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore initiated a bureau-wide Mentorship Program in 2015 and has served as a mentor each year, emphasizing the importance of transferring knowledge and leading the next generation. He has also been a champion of equity. Under his leadership, the Bureau of Engineering increased the number of women engineers by 109 percent since 2013, and received the WTS-LA Employer of the Year Award in 2018 and the Mayor's Gender Equity Award in 2019. He has also shown a steadfast dedication and commitment to the City's efforts to increase the inclusion of minority-owned, women-owned, and small business enterprises in the City of Los Angeles whether it be construction, personal services, or the piloting of Community Level Contracting; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore is a leader in incorporating advances in sustainable design, construction, and operation technologies that reflect the highest levels of environmental quality and natural resource stewardship. Under his leadership, the Bureau of Engineering has delivered 62 projects certified according to the US Green Building Council's Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design standards and seven projects certified according to the Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure's Envision rating system, and has initiated seven net-zero energy projects. He also spearheaded the California Multi-Agency Capital Improvement Project Benchmarking Study, which is an ongoing, collaborative effort that involves the sharing of best practices and data between several major cities in California since 2001; and

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WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore completed the UCLA Anderson School of Management's Executive Organizational Leadership Program. He also completed the Senior Executives in State and Local Government course at Harvard Kennedy School. He has received numerous leadership awards, has authored and co-authored many research papers, and has presented his work at a wide variety of professional conferences. Most recently, Gary Lee Moore was awarded the Lifetime Achievement Award by the 2022 American Society of Civil Engineers Metropolitan Los Angeles Branch; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore has served on a number of civic and professional boards, including as a Board member with WTS-LA, Institute for Sustainable Infrastructure, the non-profit affordable housing organization, A Community of Friends, and the Los Angeles City General Managers Association for over 10 years; and

WHEREAS, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore has routinely been recognized for his commitment to the advancement of others, his ability to deliver City projects, and his exceptional work ethic. His 37 years of outstanding achievements exemplify the highest traditions of the City of Los Angeles and has made our City a better, more resilient, and safer place in which to live, work, and visit:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends City Engineer Gary Lee Moore for his integrity, honesty, and dedication to the delivery of our City's infrastructure, as well as his love of the Los Angeles Dodgers; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, City Engineer Gary Lee Moore is hereby honored for his 37 years of outstanding achievement in the field of engineering and is extended our warmest wishes on his well-deserved retirement.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, ord District

SECONDED BY

All Members

32ND ANNIVERSARY OF THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT

WHEREAS, on July 26, 1990, the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) was signed into law to ensure the civil rights of people with disabilities; and

WHEREAS, this legislation established a clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities. The ADA has expanded opportunities for Americans with disabilities by reducing barriers and changing perception; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department on Disability has been building partnerships between the disability community and the general public to ensure that all City services, programs, and facilities are accessible through education, training, and technical assistance; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles affirms the principle of equal opportunity for persons with disabilities as embodied in the ADA and recognizes the progress that has been made to achieve inclusion and recommitting our efforts to reach full ADA compliance;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council declares July as Disability Pride Month in honor of the 32nd anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act and to recognize the many contributions it has made to the City of Los Angeles and its residents by lighting LA City Hall in purple on July 26th in celebration of its legacy.

PRESENTED BY

BOB BLUMENFILLD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:

ALL MEMBERS

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WHEREAS, the Board of Library Commissioners commends Robyn Myers, Management Analyst, on her nearly 46-year career with the City of Los Angeles, including more than 42 years as a loyal, hard-working and dedicated employee of the Los Angeles Public Library's facilities and events management division, where she was responsible for managing a variety of maintenance issues at the city's 73 libraries; and

WHEREAS, hired as a messenger clerk in July 1976, Robyn transferred to the Community Development Department in 1983 as a clerk and promoted to Junior Administrative Assistant in 1984. She transferred in 1985 to the Department of Transportation and returned to the library in 1986 promoting to Management Analyst I in 1988 and Management Analyst II in 2004; and

WHEREAS, with tact, diplomacy and a positive attitude, Robyn handled the challenging task of troubleshooting facility issues, often dealing with at least 100 service requests per month. Supervisors describe her an asset because of her ability to think on her feet in an emergency and resolve the most troublesome situations with good judgment and efficiency; and

WHEREAS, her strong relationships with the General Services Department, Recreation and Parks, other city departments and vendors made her invaluable and able to quickly resolve landscaping, custodial, maintenance, salvage, regular and special service issues while also managing office files, routine tasks and phone calls; and

WHEREAS, Robyn's pleasant and cheerful temperament, sense of humor and intelligence allowed her to smoothly coordinate with all personalities. She has received numerous commendations for leading the library's volunteer efforts to recycle and participate in the March of Dimes Walk, L.A. Marathon Water Station, polling locations and special library programs; and

WHEREAS, achieving many things during her tenure, Robyn is most credited with being responsible for moving the entire contents - furniture, equipment, books and other materials - for more than 180 city libraries during the past two decades as the buildings were renovated, built or rebuilt as part of the largest library construction project in the nation; and

WHEREAS, Robyn has been an invaluable city employee who has been conscientious, loyal and supportive and her detailed historical knowledge of the Los Angeles Public Library and its culture will be missed.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, commend Robyn Myers and extend heartfelt thanks and appreciation for her exemplary service to the City of Los Angeles and all Angelenos.



PRESENTED BY:

NURY MARTINEX Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION MATT HALE

WHEREAS, MATT HALE entered public service while still a student at the California State University at Sacramento, first joining the legislative staff of State Assemblymember Simon Salinas and shortly thereafter joining the staff of newly-elected Assemblymember Paul Krekorian, and MATT HALE continued to serve on Assemblymember Krekorian's team throughout his tenure in the State Legislature; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE played a critical role in developing important policy in areas of statewide concern through Krekorian bills that were chaptered into law, including protecting free speech online (AB 2433, 2008), protecting seniors in residential care from abuse and trauma (AB 949, 2007), promoting California's creative industries by curbing piracy and counterfeiting (AB 1394 and AB 2750, 2008), and protecting consumers and encouraging innovation by modernizing California's trademark laws (AB 1484, 2007); and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE's thoughtful, detailed, inclusive and thorough approach to policy making often advanced the debate in important ways even when a bill was not enacted, such as in his efforts to secure passage of a bold political reform and accountability bill to combat the "dark money" that often fuels special interest independent expenditure and ballot measure campaigns in California (AB 2552, 2008); and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE served as the principal Assembly staffer for AB 64 (2009), an exceptionally complex and detailed bill that would have set a 33 percent Renewable Portfolio Standard deadline of 2020 for all California electrical utilities, and would have created the opportunities to make that deadline achievable, and although AB 64 was vetoed, MATT HALE's work to focus all stakeholders on results through open dialogue and attention to detail transformed renewable energy policy and laid the groundwork for California's global leadership in this area; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE has served with distinction on the staff of Councilmember Paul Krekorian since his first day on the City Council, excelling in leadership roles including Policy Director, Budget Director, and Deputy Chief of Staff, and as a senior manager MATT HALE trained, supervised, and mentored dozens of Councilmember Krekorian's staff members, instilling in them a commitment to excellence and a passion for ethical and effective service; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE implemented countless construction and infrastructure projects throughout the Southeast San Fernando Valley, including parks, streets, sidewalks and street lights, among others; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE aided in the development of the first Homeless Services Navigation Center in Los Angeles, including project and construction management and budgeting with the CAO and General Services Department, and he played key roles in developing policies and devoting resources to address homelessness; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE developed the City's first comprehensive sidewalk repair program in 40 years, including the coordination of seven departments, to ensure that broken sidewalks will be repaired consistently and effectively, and meet the requirements of the Americans with Disabilities Act, for decades to come; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE played an essential role in the Council's efforts to reduce the City's legal risks and helped manage the settlement and claims processes, participating on the negotiating team for high-profile and complex litigation with the City Attorney's office, and helping to lead joint risk management initiatives; and

WHEREAS, MATT HALE was central to many of the City's actions that have led to its national leadership on the environment and climate change, including LA100, the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power's historic commitment to 100 percent carbon-free energy by 2035; and



WHEREAS, as principal advisor to Councilmember Krekorian in his capacity as Chair of the Budget and Finance Committee since 2012, MATT HALE played an invaluable role in saving the City from fiscal catastrophe through the two greatest economic collapses since the Great Depression, coordinating committee hearings, providing oversight over department spending, addressing mid-year spending shortfalls and budgetary needs, and providing uniformly reliable and prudent advice to the members of the committee and the full Council; and

WHEREAS, in grappling with some of the most challenging issues of the day, and even in the face of crisis, MATT HALE always set the standard for calm leadership, humility, good humor, professionalism, competence and unequivocal integrity, and he never missed an opportunity to lend a hand or offer wise counsel to help other Council staff members succeed and otherwise to uplift the institution of the City Council; and

WHEREAS, after more than 12 years of service to the City Council and the people of the Second Council District, MATT HALE will now be applying his considerable talents, inexhaustible energy, and proven expertise to the vital work of the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this measure, the Los Angeles City Council hereby THANKS and honors MATT HALE for his many years of devoted service to the people of Los Angeles, for his immeasurable contributions to the fiscal stability and sustainable prosperity of the City of Los Angeles, and for upholding the highest and best traditions of the City Council of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN, Councilmember, Second District

SECONDED BY:

RESOLUTION 89TH ANNIVERSARY OF SIMELE MASSACRE

WHEREAS, Assyrians, the indigenous people of Mesopotamia, who trace their origins to one of the earliest human civilizations, with a history that spans over seven thousand years, are today an ethnic minority group in Turkey, Iraq, Iran, and Syria; and

WHEREAS, between 1914 and 1923, the Ottoman Empire and its successor state, the Republic of Turkey, murdered over 300,000 Assyrian men, women, and children by methods that included mass executions, death marches, torture, and starvation — a series of events known as the Assyrian Genocide; and

WHEREAS, during the Assyrian Genocide, also known as the Seyfo Genocide, the Ottoman Turks and their allies also systematically raped and enslaved Assyrian women and girls, forced the Assyrians from their ancestral lands, and pillaged and destroyed their communities; and

WHEREAS, the murder of over two million Armenians, Assyrians, Greeks and other religious minority populations represented the culmination of a series of violent persecutions dating back to the late 1800s; and

WHEREAS, these crimes were deliberately committed to achieve the eradication of these indigenous communities by the Ottoman Empire, a fact that its successor state the Republic of Turkey still refuses to acknowledge; and

WHEREAS, the year 2022 marks the 107th anniversary of the Armenian, Assyrian, and Greek genocides; and

WHEREAS, August 7, 1933 is recognized by the International Association of Genocide Scholars as the date on which as many as 6,000 Assyrians were killed at the orders of the Iraqi government in an event known as the Simele Massacre, continuing the policy of annihilation exemplified by the 1915 Genocide; and

WHEREAS, the Simele Massacre of 1933 as well as the 1915 Genocide of Armenians, Assyrians and Greeks inspired Raphael Lemkin to coin the term "genocide" and to draft the first international Genocide Convention in the 1940s; and

WHEREAS, August 7th is globally observed by the Assyrian community in remembrance of the Simele Massacre, the Genocide of 1915, and all persecutions the Assyrian people have faced as a result of their distinct and ancient ethnic and religious identity; and

WHEREAS, the persecution of Assyrians continues to this day in their ancestral homeland, where they are continually targeted for persecution by state and non-state actors under the Republic of Turkey, the Republic of Iraq, the Kurdistan Regional Government, and the self-proclaimed Islamic State of Iraq and the Levant (ISIS or ISIL); and

WHEREAS, the denial of genocide is widely recognized as the final stage of genocide, preserving impunity for the perpetrators of these atrocities and preparing the way for future genocides; and

WHEREAS, California has been home to one of the largest Assyrian American populations in the United States for well over a century, with tens of thousands of Assyrians in the Greater Los Angeles area; and

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WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is committed to promoting human rights and demanding accountability for genocide, and has fostered educational initiatives and events to raise awareness of the history of genocide; and

WHEREAS, organizations such as the Assyrian American Association of Southern California have served the Assyrian-American community through education, advocacy and youth services, and by the preservation of Assyrian cultural and linguistic identity; and

WHEREAS, in the face of a long history of persecution that continues to to this day, the resilience and endurance of the Assyrian people serve as an inspiration to freedom-loving people everywhere;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this measure the Los Angeles City Council recognizes August 7, 2022 as the the 89th anniversary of the Simele Massacre of 1933, an act of genocide and a crime against humanity, and on this day honors the memory of the thousands of Assyrians who were murdered during the Genocide of 1915 and the Simele Massacre of 1933; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Los Angeles City Council stands in solidarity with the Assyrian American population of Southern California in solemnly remembering the genocides of the past while recommitting ourselves to opposing hatred in all of its forms and being vigilant in preventing future genocides and crimes against humanity.

PRESENTED BY:

PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, Second District

SECONDED BY: