FERNANDO VALENZUELA DAY

SEPTEMBER 18

WHEREAS Fernando Valenzuela, born on November 1, 1960, was a Mexican former professional baseball pitcher who played 17 Major League Baseball (MLB) seasons, from 1980 to 1991 and 1993 to 1997;

WHEREAS Fernando Valenzuela played for six MLB teams, the Los Angeles Dodgers, California Angels, Baltimore Orioles, Philadelphia Phillies, San Diego Padres, and St. Louis Cardinals;

WHEREAS he is best remembered for his time with the Los Angeles Dodgers where Valenzuela batted and threw left-handed;

WHEREAS Valenzuela was notable for his unorthodox windup and for being one of a small number of pitchers who threw a screwball regularly;

WHEREAS Valenzuela was signed by the Dodgers on July 6, 1979, and made his debut late in the 1980 season;

WHEREAS in 1981, in what came to be called "Fernandomania," Valenzuela rose from relative obscurity to achieve super-stardom;

WHEREAS he won his first eight starts (five of them shutouts and finished with a record of 13–7 and had a 2.48 ERA;

WHEREAS he became the first, and to date, the only player to win both Cy Young and Rookie of the Year awards in the same season;



WHEREAS Valenzuela was also known as one of the better hitting pitchers of his era with ten career home runs and was occasionally used by Los Angeles Dodgers manager Tommy Lasorda as a pinch-hitter;

WHEREAS he was on the Dodgers' 1988 World Series championship team;

WHEREAS on June 29, 1990, Valenzuela threw his only MLB no-hitter, pitching at Dodger Stadium against the St. Louis Cardinals, a 6–0 victory;

WHEREAS Valenzuela retired from baseball after the 1997 season;

WHEREAS in 2003, he returned to the Dodgers as a broadcaster;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of Los Angeles thanks Fernando Valenzuela for inspiring the diverse and most important Latino community of Los Angeles, and for his outstanding accomplishments in Major League Baseball and his service and dedication to the people of the City of Los Angeles and thereby declare September 18th as "Fernando Valenzuela" day in the City of Los Angeles.

Presented By:

Gil Cedillo

Councilmember, First District

Seconded By:

AMY GEBERT

WHEREAS, Amy Gebert began her service as Communications Assistant to Councilmember Joe Buscaino of the 15th Council District on September 21, 2015; and

WHEREAS, Amy was responsible for maintaining the CD15 website and social media accounts, creating and posting social media content, drafting statements, media advisories and press releases; and

WHEREAS, Amy soon became the CD15 in-house information technology expert; and

WHEREAS, Amy was promoted to Senior Communications and Planning Deputy, taking on additional responsibilities and learning an entire new skillset; and

WHEREAS, even though Amy was very busy managing her own role in communications and planning, she often supported CD15's legislative team and several of her policy ideas were successfully approved and implemented; and

WHEREAS, when Los Angeles was selected as the host city for the National League of Cities 2018 *City Summit,* Amy took the lead on organizing the event, welcoming 3,000 elected officials from cities and towns across the country, arranging panel discussions, mobile tours and receptions; and

WHEREAS, Amy was always first to volunteer for extra assignments and was the ultimate "team player"; and

WHEREAS, sometimes those extra assignments included sharing her deep knowledge and passion for food in the San Gabriel Valley and organizing field trips to enjoy with others; and

WHEREAS, Amy was the one in the office to always put minute by minute run of shows together leaving no detail behind; and

WHEREAS, Amy should receive all of the awards in the land for somehow managing to make sense of Branimir, have unlimited patience, work alongside him, and often do his work for nearly a decade; and

WHEREAS, in the City Hall office Amy has been the herbal tea island in a sea full of coffee drinkers; and

WHEREAS, Amy's sweet tooth was a benefit to everyone in the office because she loved to share; and

WHEREAS, when Amy's mother became ill with a rare genetic disorder, she became a pillar of support to her family, assisting with cooking, cleaning and transportation to doctor's appointments, while continuing to fulfill all of her work responsibilities; and

WHEREAS, Amy never missed a colleague's birthday, special occasion, or achievement and always made a point to celebrate others; and

WHEREAS, Amy always has the best outlook on any situation, positive energy, and fun facts to bring everyone a smile; and

WHEREAS, Amy's kindness, compassion, humility and empathy for all people is apparent in all of her daily actions; and

WHEREAS, Amy is a great listener and peacemaker who always made herself available to her colleagues if they needed a second opinion or simply someone to vent to; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend AMY GEBERT for her devotion to public service and dedication to the people of the 15th District and the City of Los Angeles, and extends best wishes for her continued success in her future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY: _

JOE BUSCAINO
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:

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WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in congratulating Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones upon his retirement after over 26 years of faithful and dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department on February 20, 1996, as a Police Officer I; upgraded to Police Officer II August 20, 1997; upgraded to Police Officer III on October 01, 2000; promoted to Sergeant I on September 22, 2002; upgraded to Detective I on February 09, 2003; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones, during his distinguished career, served with honor in the following assignments: Southeast Patrol Division, Rampart Patrol Division, Planning and Research Division, Central Patrol Division, Hollenbeck Patrol Division, Pacific Detectives and Major Crimes Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones continued great leadership and knowledge while serving as an exemplary supervisor in Southeast Patrol; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones used his extensive leadership skills and experience while serving as a Department's expert on Domestic and International Terrorism while serving at Major Crimes Division; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones has been the recipient of numerous commendations and letters of appreciation from citizens, supervisors, commanding officers, and other law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones graduated from California State University at Fullerton earning a Bachelor of Arts degree in English; and

WHEREAS, Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones retired from the Los Angeles Police Department on January 29, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, highly commend and congratulates Sergeant 1 Timothy Jones for his outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles and to the Los Angeles Police Department and wishes his health, happiness, and continued success in all endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:_

NURY MARTINEZ Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

ALL COUNCIL

WHEREAS, we take great pleasure in congratulating Detective II Rick Martinez upon his retirement after over 25 years of faithful and dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez is a loving and devoted father to a son Ricky, and daughters Rachel and Ariana; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez began his career with the Los Angeles Police Department on March 17, 1997, as a Recruit Officer, graduated from the Los Angeles Police Academy and upgraded to Police Officer I on September 28, 1997; upgraded to Police Officer II on September 17, 1998; promoted to Detective I on February 1, 2009; promoted to Detective II on July 10, 2018; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez during his distinguished patrol and detective career, served with honor in the following assignments; Wilshire Division, Southeast Division, Pacific LAX Field Services Division, Commercial Crimes Division, and Southeast Division Detectives; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez continued adding to and sharing his knowledge, while serving as an exemplary detective supervisor in Southeast Division; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez used his extensive leadership skills and experience to supervise the Southeast Division Property Crimes table, interacting with community volunteers and community members regularly; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez has been the recipient of numerous commendations and letters of appreciation from citizens, supervisors, commanding officers, and other law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, Detective II Martinez retired from the Los Angeles Police Department on September 10, 2022;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, highly commend and congratulates Detective II Martinez for his outstanding and dedicated service to the citizens of the City of Los Angeles and to the Los Angeles Police Department and wishes his health, happiness, and continued success in all endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

NURY MARTINEZ Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:

ALL COUNCIL

Resolution

WHEREAS, Ana M. Figueroa began her public service career with the office of Los Angeles Mayor Tom Bradley as the assistant to his Liaison to the Latino Community and Eastside Are Coordinator in 1991; and

WHEREAS, she was recruited by the office of then Assemblywoman Lucille Roybal-Allard to serve as a field representative for Southeast Los Angeles cities, Boyle Heights and East Los Angeles in the 56th Assembly District in July 1992, she was later promoted to field deputy for Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard in January of 1993, Senior Field Deputy and Casework Director in June 1995, and District Chief of Staff in May 1998; and

WHEREAS, she earned the respect and gratitude of staff members, colleagues and elected officials at the congressional, state, and local level as a result of her exceptional and collaborative leadership, effectiveness and unwavering commitment to community service; and

WHEREAS, she served the constituents of the 33rd, 34th, and 40th Congressional Districts under the leadership of Congresswoman Lucille Roybal-Allard, the first Mexican American woman elected to the U.S. Congress, with impeccable integrity, compassion, and distinction; and

WHEREAS, her public service career spanned across the Mayoral Administrations of Tom Bradley, Richard Riordan, James Hahn, Antonio Villaraigosa and Eric Garcetti:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council commend Ana M. Figueroa for her 31 years of exemplary public service and extends sincere best wishes for a healthy, prosperous, and richly rewarding retirement, and a very happy 53rd birthday.

PRESENTED BY:

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON

Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY:

WHEREAS, alcohol and drug abuse is a significant threat to the well-being of children, youth, and adults in the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, community prevention education and awareness is a leading strategy for raising awareness of the issue of substance abuse and related behavioral health issues; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse serving Los Angeles County is dedicated to improving community health and safety through the delivery of prevention education and behavioral health treatment; and

WHEREAS, the month of September, 2022 has been designated as National Recovery Month by the federal Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse will provide a month-long program of family prevention activities marking Recovery Month 2022, including a Rally for Recovery Celebration on September, 29, 2022:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City of Los Angeles proclaims the observation of National Recovery Month 2022 in our community and commends Los Angeles Centers for Alcohol and Drug Abuse for the agency's work in community prevention awareness and education and the dedication of agency staff who make recovery in all its form possible.

PRESENTED BY:

KEVIN DE LEÓN

Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY:

ALL COUNCIL