

**Resolution  
Gloria Hamblin**

**WHEREAS**, Gloria received her degree in Therapeutic Recreation from California State University Northridge and soon after traveled to Michigan to master adaptive horseback riding; and

**WHEREAS**, after working, training, and leading at a ranch in Chatsworth for 20 years, the nonprofit to which she had committed so much of her time to suddenly and abruptly went out of business; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria was back to square one, having to start over completely from scratch; she decided to get back on the horse and began searching for stables, horses and volunteers, and even volunteering herself for the first 18 months as she worked to create the therapeutic horsemanship organization we now know as Ride On; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria would go on to work with children and adults with mental and physical disabilities for over 30 years, using the movement of the horse to improve the medical conditions of individuals through occupational and physical therapy; and

**WHEREAS**, in February of 2017, Ride On surpassed 100,000 lessons since the conception of the organization, growing by around 7,000 lessons per year to over 225 individuals with disabilities; and

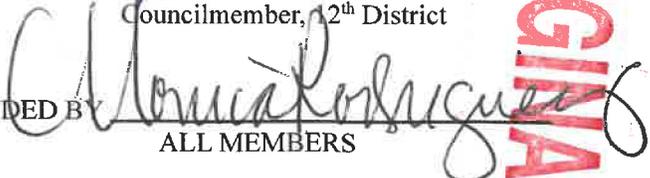
**WHEREAS**, Gloria is a three time coach of the US Paralympic Equestrian team in Atlanta and also serves as a judge at the Special Olympics World Games; and

**WHEREAS**, she is a not only a leader, but a teacher and mentor to countless professionals who she has inspired with her dedication and wealth of knowledge, which has helped to create more dedicated leaders in the therapeutic riding field; and

**WHEREAS**, Gloria will forever be the one who started it all, and as the heart and soul of Ride On her dedication, drive, and commitment to the organization is a major factor in all of its successes and triumphs; and

**NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commend Gloria Hamblin for her decades of service helping to improve the quality of life of individuals with disabilities in our community. We wish her health and happiness with continued success in all of her future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY   
JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY   
ALL MEMBERS

  
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## RESOLUTION

### FERNANDO NAVARRETE

WHEREAS, Fernando Navarrete was born in Acapulco, Mexico and immigrated to the United States at age 5, settling in the Wilmington community; and

WHEREAS, Fernando has always kept a positive and humble outlook on life despite difficult life challenges inspiring those around him; and

WHEREAS, Fernando has served as an active community member in Wilmington through his role as a Chicano Youth Leadership Facilitator, International Trade Education Programs Advisory Board and an Advisory Resident Committee member, overseeing multiple projects in partnership with local business owners and other community-based organizations; and

WHEREAS, after years of living as an undocumented immigrant, Fernando applied for and was granted legal status under the Obama administration's Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program; and

WHEREAS, Fernando became a vocal advocate for immigration reform and worked to achieve permanent legal status for all "Dreamers;" and

WHEREAS, Fernando began working as a community organizer with I Heart Wilmington, where his advocacy and activism quickly impressed the Council District 15 staff; and

WHEREAS, Fernando began his service as the Wilmington Field Deputy to Councilmember Joe Buscaino on August, 16, 2017; and

WHEREAS, Fernando was a fierce advocate for the Wilmington community, and constantly fought to ensure Wilmington received its fair share of City services; and

WHEREAS, Fernando took ownership of the Wilmington Municipal Building and put in blood, sweat and tears to bring long needed improvements to the building; and

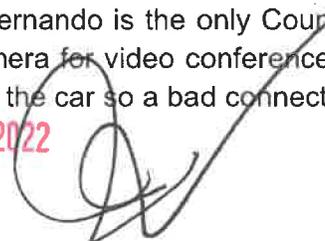
WHEREAS, Fernando brought three new parks to Wilmington including East Greenbelt Community Park; and

WHEREAS, Fernando brought CicLAvia to Wilmington three times during his five year tenure with the council office; and

WHEREAS, Fernando takes supporting local businesses seriously by always having very frequent "meetings" at Ambrosia Coffee House, Sirens, and Hojas Tea House, and will officially bring outdoor dining parklets to Wilmington; and

WHEREAS, Fernando is the only Council District 15 staffer to successfully use the "bad internet" excuse to stay off camera for video conferences during the entire COVID period. Fernando now just takes all his meetings from the car so a bad connection is guaranteed; and

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WHEREAS, Fernando's care and compassion can also be seen in his ability to care for, nurture and grow too many plant babies to count; and

WHEREAS, Fernando was always later than fashionably late and his beard and hair are aligned beyond perfection; and

WHEREAS, Fernando, by leaving, can now forever avoid the question: "When are you going to put a ring on it?;" and

WHEREAS, if the City Council had superlatives, Fernando would win Best Dressed thanks to his hipster style and his eye for a good thrift find; and

WHEREAS, we hope Fernando gets a tattoo to remember his time at Council District 15 but there isn't any room left:

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

PRESENTED BY:   
JOE BUSCAINO  
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY:   
ALL MEMBERS

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RESOLUTION

El Dia del Guatemalteco 2022

Guatemalan Day

WHEREAS, with an estimated population of around 18 million, Guatemala is the most populated country in Central America. Guatemala is rich in resources, culture and history. The core of the Mayan civilization, which extended across Mesoamerica, was historically based in the territory of modern Guatemala.

WHEREAS, in the 1960's civil unrest and discontent began to grow amongst Guatemalan civilians against the Guatemalan government. By the late 1970's and early 1980's there was a massive exodus of Guatemalans fleeing Civil War in Guatemala.

WHEREAS, the Pico Union, Westlake and MacArthur Park area of Los Angeles became the epicenter of Guatemalan refugees. Some Guatemalans left Los Angeles and resettled in other cities across the United States. But most remained in the City of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, this exodus of newly arrived Guatemalan war refugees created a new workforce within the City of Los Angeles. The Guatemalan community found employment in the restaurant industry, hotel and hospitality industry, and the garment industry. The Guatemalan-Mayan community was key in the financial success of the garment industry in Los Angeles.

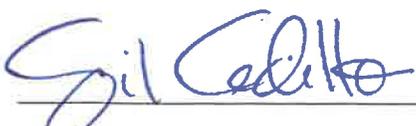
WHEREAS, Today, the children of those Guatemalan's that sought refuge in Los Angeles have made their own contributions to the social, educational, financial, and political wellbeing in the City of Los Angeles. Guatemalan Americans enrich the diversity within the City of Los Angeles.

WHEREAS, every October 20<sup>th</sup> "El Dia de Guatemalteco" is celebrated across the city by the founding organization Urban Zones, Mayavision and AGUA to embrace culture and bring awareness to the Guatemalan community.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes and honors the continued commitment and contributions that the Guatemalan-Mayan community have made to the City and proclaims October 20<sup>th</sup> as Guatemalan Day.

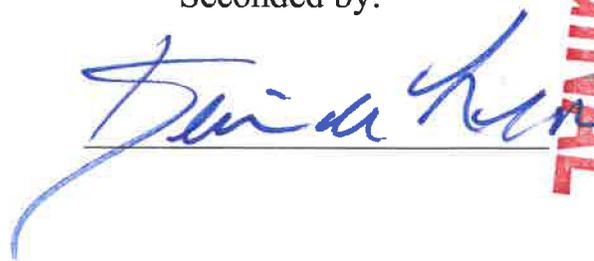
Presented by:

Seconded by:



Gil Cedillo

Councilmember, First District



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WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day is celebrated every August 10th in celebration of Ecuador's Independence from Spanish rule on August 10, 1809; and

WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day led to the reestablishment of an independent nation after over 300 years of Spanish rule; and

WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day is celebrated every year in Los Angeles with a parade and week-long of cultural activities; and

WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day 2022 will celebrate the 23rd year Anniversary of the Parade down Broadway Avenue that ends at Olvera Street which promotes the tradition, values, and Ecuadorian heritage, and civic engagement; and

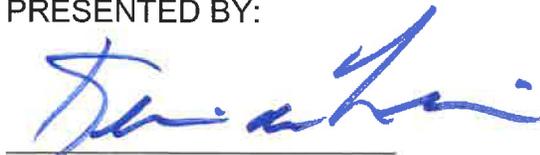
WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day activities are organized by the large and active Ecuadorian community that reside in the communities surrounding Downtown Los Angeles like Eagle Rock and Highland Park; and

WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day activities welcomes the delegation from Ecuador and Ecuadorian community leaders who are here to celebrate this occasion; and

WHEREAS, Ecuadorian Independence Day also celebrates Ecuadorian-American heritage, culture, and history in the United States and contributes to the diversity that defines our beautiful City of Los Angeles; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution the City Council of Los Angeles congratulates the Ecuadorian community that resides in Los Angeles in honor of the 213th year anniversary of their Independence Day!

PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico was founded by Don Rafael de la Colina, General Consul of Mexico in 1931 in conjunction with a group of prominent Mexican businessman who envisioned promoting and preserving the most important dates of Mexican history, traditions, and heritage; and

WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico started the now annual "El Grito de Dolores" celebration in 1933 at the Shrine Auditorium, commemorating and replicating the historical grito of September 15, 1810 by Miguel Hidalgo y Costilla; and

WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico started the East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade at Placita Olvera in 1946; and

WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico's annual East Los Angeles Mexican Independence Day Parade is today the most important and largest parade outside of Mexico and this year marks its 76th anniversary; and

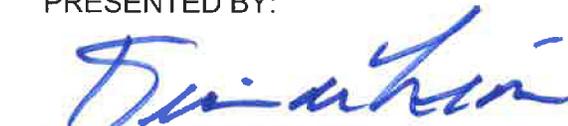
WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico started the "Señorita Fiestas Patrias Mexicanas" in 2004, a beauty pageant that helps instill cultural pride among the contestants while also granting the winners scholarships to continue their educational or career objectives; and

WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico helps preserve our Mexican culture, traditions and heritage through many historical and cultural events throughout the year; and

WHEREAS, El Comité Mexicano Civico Patriotico, advocates for Mexicans living abroad as well as those who reside in the United States and provide resources that can help our Mexican communities thrive:

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize the COMITE MEXICANO CIVICO PATRIOTICO on its 91st Anniversary. Thank you for your commitment to preserving the rich culture and treasured traditions of México.

PRESENTED BY:

  
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KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

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