

RESOLUTION
Dr. Seleshi Bekele Awulachew

WHEREAS, Dr. Seleshi Bekele Awulachew was born in Oromia, a regional state in Ethiopia; and

WHEREAS, he became an academic and obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Civil Engineering, Masters of Science in Hydraulic Engineering, and a Ph.D. in Hydraulic and Water Resources Engineering; and

WHEREAS, after receiving his doctorate, he served as the Dean and CEO of Arbaminch Water Technology Institute where he oversaw six facilities, over 100 academic staff, and more than 5,000 students; and

WHEREAS, in 2004, he was appointed as the Regional Representative and Head for International Water Management Institute (IWMI) sub-regional office for Nile Basin and Eastern Africa, where he was able to support and engage in projects on surface and groundwater; irrigation, crop and livestock; energy, technology, policy and institutions; decision support and much more; and

WHEREAS, from 2010 to 2014, he worked for the African Climate Policy Center (ACPC) of UNECA as Senior Water and Climate Change Specialist establishing the work areas of water, climate science and information, agriculture, green economy, and energy; and

WHEREAS, he later served as the Senior Inter-Regional Advisor at the United Nations Department of Economic and Social Affairs (UNDESA), in the Division of Sustainable Development and Branch of Water, Energy and Capacity Development advising and integrating the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development into national strategies; and

WHEREAS, in 2016, he served as the Minister of Energy, Water, and Irrigation where he led major development portfolios that are directly accountable to the Prime Minister and Parliament; and

WHEREAS, from late 2021 to early 2022, he was the Advisor to the Prime Minister of Ethiopia, and Chief Negotiator of Transboundary Water and Grand Ethiopian Renaissance Dam (GERD) at a Minister level; and

WHEREAS, in 2022, Dr. Seleshi Bekele Awulachew was appointed as Ethiopia's new ambassador to the United States of America;

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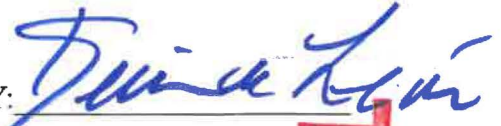
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council of Los Angeles wishes to congratulate Ambassador Seleshi Bekele for his new position serving the great people of Ethiopia in the United States and welcomes him to the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:



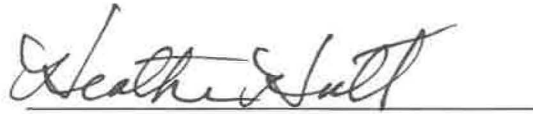

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

PRESENTED BY:



KEVIN DE LEON
Councilmember, 14th District

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RICHARD AGUILAR

Whereas In 1957, Richard Aguilar was born into a 1st generation Mexican American Family from Chihuahua, Mexico and grew up in Boyle Heights;

Whereas in 1972, Richard's mom passed away due to cancer and led to Richard's newfound interest in art;

Whereas, Richard was hired in high school to paint murals under the tutelage of legendary artist Judy Baca;

Whereas Richard graduated from Roosevelt High School, attended LACC, and then ELAC, graduating on the Dean's Honor Roll,

Whereas after one year of college at Cal State LA, Richard was hired by the LA Department of Airports Police and went into law enforcement;

Whereas during his law enforcement career, Richard followed the boxing career of Oscar Del La Hoya, who was opening a Youth Gym in East L.A;

Whereas Richard designed a mural sketch that was approved by Oscar De La Hoya for the Oscar Del La Hoya Foundation;

Whereas Richard was later commissioned to do the Hollenbeck Youth Center Mural of Arnold Schwarzenegger;

Whereas Richard received awards from the LAUSD School Board, the State of California, the City of LA, and the LA Police Commission;

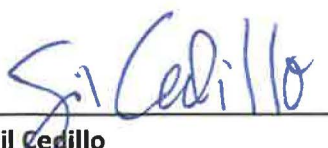
Whereas Richard continued to work in law enforcement and retired in 2019 with 38 years of service;

Whereas Richard has continued his career in arts where his work is currently in exhibition at CASA 0101 Theater;

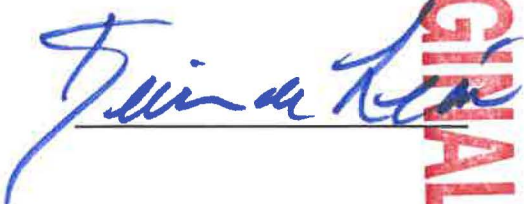
NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes Richard Aguilar's 38 years of outstanding public service to and sends best wishes as he pursues his lifelong passion for the arts.

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:



Gil Cedillo
Councilmember, First District



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ARTURO VARGAS**

Whereas, Arturo serves as the CEO of NALEO, an affiliated national membership organization of Latino policymakers and their supporters, which is governed by a 36-member Board of Directors. Arturo has held these positions since 1994;

Whereas, before joining NALEO and NALEO Educational Fund, Arturo was Vice President for Community Education and Public Policy at the Mexican American Legal Defense and Educational Fund (MALDEF), where he supervised and directed MALDEF's community education and leadership development programs;

Whereas, Arturo previously held the position of Director of Outreach and Policy, where he coordinated MALDEF's 1991 redistricting efforts, which led to a historic increase in the number of Latinos serving in the California legislature;

Whereas, Arturo directed MALDEF's National 1990 Census Program, an award-winning national outreach and public policy effort to promote a full count of the Latino population;

Whereas, Arturo was the Senior Education Policy Analyst at the National Council of La Raza (NCLR – now known as UnidosUS in Washington, D.C;

Whereas, Arturo is also a nationally recognized expert in Latino demographic trends, electoral participation, voting rights, the census, and redistricting;

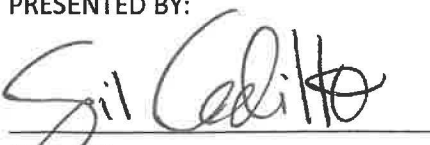
Whereas, he has served on numerous national, state, and local non-profit and foundation boards. Appointed by both Republican and Democratic U.S. Secretaries of Commerce, he previously served on various National Advisory Committees to the U.S. Census Bureau and the 2001–2002 and 2011–2012 Los Angeles City Council Redistricting Commissions;

Whereas, Arturo has received Hispanic magazine's Hispanic Achievement Award for Community Service, the National Federation of Hispanic Owned Newspapers' Leadership Award, the National Association for Bilingual Education President's Award, the City University of New York's Civic Leadership Award, Univision's Community Service Corazon Award, and the National School Board Association's Hispanic Caucus Abrazo Award;

Whereas, he has been included twice in Hispanic Business Magazine's List of 100 Hispanic Influentials and named one of the 101 most influential Latinos 10 times by Latino Leaders;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by adoption of this resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes Arturo Vargas' incredible record of public service and groundbreaking achievement in civil rights and honors an outstanding figure and human being committed to justice and equality for all.

PRESENTED BY:


Gil Cedillo

Councilmember, First District

SECONDED BY:


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WHEREAS, Univision is the leading Spanish-language content and media company in the United States and Univision Communications Inc. entertains, informs, and empowers U.S. Latinos with news, sports, and entertainment content across broadcast and cable television, as well as audio and digital platforms; and

WHEREAS, Univision is consistently ranked the top Spanish-language network in primetime since the early 1990s and has been averaging 17.5 million viewers per month on its digital platforms; and

WHEREAS, Latinos are the largest minority group in the United States, with over 62 million Latinos living in the United States and comprising 18.7% of the population. As recently as 2020, Latinos made up 11% of the country's electorate, continuously growing from 8% in 2018 and 10% in 2016; and

WHEREAS, over 41 million United States residents, or 13.5% of the population, speak Spanish at home, and in Los Angeles, that number jumps to 39% of the population, and Univision is a major provider of news and entertainment to these communities; and

WHEREAS, as the Latino community continues to grow in both size and strength, it is important for news organizations to meet the needs of this bilingual community. Since its establishment, Univision has worked hard to bring breaking news, important conversations, and a wide variety of entertainment to the living rooms of Latinos around the world; and

WHEREAS, on Sunday, September 29, 1962, at 3:00 PM, KMEX-TV, Channel 34 first went on air and this year, Univision 34 is celebrating its 60th anniversary of broadcasting and serving the Los Angeles Community.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council commends Univision 34 for its service to the Los Angeles community and extends heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their continued service to all Latinos – both within the City and across the country.

PRESENTED BY:


NURY MARTINEZ for Nury Martinez
Councilwoman, 6th District

SECONDED BY:


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