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Sandra Barraza

Whereas, the West Valley Area is proud to announce the selection of Senior Administrative Clerk Sandra Barraza, Serial No. V9378, for Professional Staff of the Year 2023; and

Whereas, Sandra Barraza began her distinguished career with the department in June 1997, serving in the Communications Division before transferring to the West Valley Area in August 2021, where she has become an integral and valued member of the West Valley Area family; and

Whereas, Sandra Barraza has been assigned to the Administrative Section, where she is responsible for authorizing time using the Department Personnel System (DPS) for all employees assigned to the West Valley Area, and for generating reports as needed for Commanding Officers in preparation for COMPSTAT meetings; and

Whereas, Sandra Barraza is recognized for her exceptional organizational skills, dedication, strong work habits, outstanding work quality, and unwavering reliability, willingly working holidays and weekends to meet critical deadlines; and

Whereas, when the OLOTS timekeeper was reassigned to assist the Area Office, Sandra Barraza demonstrated her commitment and capability by undertaking dual responsibilities, managing both DPS tasks and processing overtime while ensuring all deadlines were met; and

Whereas, Sandra Barraza is known for her professionalism, friendliness, and helpfulness, fostering a welcoming environment and contributing to the family-oriented atmosphere at the West Valley Station; and

Whereas, the West Valley Area deeply appreciates Sandra Barraza's tireless dedication, exemplary performance, and the positive impact she has on her colleagues and the overall station;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that, by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles proudly recognizes and honors Senior Administrative Clerk Sandra Barraza for her outstanding service and unwavering commitment to excellence, naming her the West Valley Area's Professional Staff of the Year 2023.

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Presented by:

BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

Seconded by:

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Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife (CLAW) Ten Years of Environmental Stewardship

Whereas, Citizens For Los Angeles Wildlife was officially established on August 14, 2014 by the US Department of Treasury, thereby formalizing advocacy efforts led by Alison Simard, Tony Tucci, and Shawn Silver to lead local wildlife and wildlands protection, conservation, education, and advocacy in the Santa Monica Mountains and beyond; and

Whereas, CLAW successfully advocated for the City of LA to designate the eastern Santa Monica Mountains as LA's first Wildlife District via the Wildlife Pilot Study ordinance; and

Whereas, CLAW's advocacy helped protect LA's urban forest by adding two new tree species to city protections, emphasizing the importance of oak woodlands and heritage trees; and

Whereas, CLAW's barn owl nesting program educates the public on the harmful effects of rodenticides and aims to revitalize local populations of this natural rodent predator; and

Whereas, CLAW influenced LA Recreation and Parks Department to discontinue the use of toxic rodenticides in city parks, with ongoing efforts to further limit their use citywide; and

Whereas, in partnership with Councilmember Paul Koretz, CLAW helped establish LASAN's Biodiversity Expert Panel, fostering collaboration among City, County, and State scientists to preserve LA's biodiversity; and

Whereas, CLAW's nature camera initiative has captured hundreds of images and videos of a wide array of wildlife, including an uncollared male mountain lion, bobcats, coyotes, gray foxes, hawks, and owls. These images contribute to the ongoing efforts to protect and restore natural habitats in urbanized Los Angeles; and

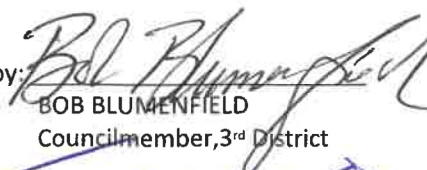

Whereas, CLAW played a role in establishing LA's first staff ecologist in the Planning Department, advancing biodiversity conservation within urban planning; and

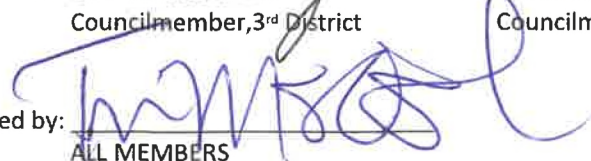
Whereas, CLAW has promoted and helped fund LA parkland protection and wildfire measures through multiple ballot initiatives, securing resources for the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority; and

Whereas, CLAW's community partnerships have led to the permanent conservation of key wildlands in the Santa Monica Mountains, including a 17-acre mountain property and a future park at Laurel Springs; and

Whereas, CLAW has organized monthly restoration projects that engage hundreds of volunteers in habitat restoration along Mulholland Corridor and Laurel Canyon Blvd;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby salutes Citizens for Los Angeles Wildlife, its board, supporters, and volunteers as truly selfless advocates for Los Angeles Wildlife and Wildlands. Through steadfast ways and caring deeds, CLAW has made Los Angeles a better place in which to live, work, and play.

Presented by:  
 BOB BLUMENFIELD NITHYA RAMAN
 Councilmember, 3rd District Councilmember, 4th District

Seconded by: 
 ALL MEMBERS

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**Fabian Debora
RESOLUTION**

WHEREAS, in 1995, Fabian Debora began his career as a member of the East Los Angeles Streetscapers and has dedicated himself as an arts educator working with high-risk youth in the community; and

WHEREAS, to address a deep need in the community, Fabian worked to create a substance use disorder program at Homeboy Industries to help those who may be struggling or thriving in their recovery journeys; and

WHEREAS, he created and founded the Homeboy Art Academy to propel the importance of the arts, build community, honor culture, and provide holistic healing; and

WHEREAS, he offers sanctuary and cherished belonging, mentoring hundreds of reentry youth and adults and also incarcerated people in prisons and youth facilities throughout Los Angeles and beyond; and


WHEREAS, his guidance offers a hope-filled and transformational pathway and supportive journey of change that has a ripple effect on people, their children, families, and our communities; and

WHEREAS, Father Greg Boyle describes Fabian as a “wisdom figure,” not only at Homeboy Industries but to families and communities who find solace in his art; and

WHEREAS, through his art, he restores humanity, heals, and brings attention to inequalities of the people of his community; and

WHEREAS, in 2024, the National Endowment for the Arts (NEA) presented him with the NEA National Heritage Fellowship Award, the highest form of recognition for the folk and traditional arts by the United States government; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize Fabian Debora and honors his remarkable life, his distinguished career, and the impact of him and his art on Angelenos.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 

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WHEREAS, Jackie Goldberg has had a long and distinguished career as a public advocate. She began her professional life as a classroom teacher at Centennial and then Dominguez High School in Compton, and worked as a teacher, specializing in reading, for more than 18 years; and

WHEREAS, Goldberg ran for and won a seat on the Los Angeles Unified School Board in 1983, armed with a first-hand understanding of the problems and challenges of the Los Angeles public school system. During her two terms, Goldberg instituted bilingual education that became a national model and ended corporal punishment in schools; and

WHEREAS, In 1993 Goldberg was elected to represent Los Angeles City Council District 13 and was re-elected without opposition in 1997. Goldberg's Council legacy includes authorship of the "Living Wage" ordinance which guarantees a living wage and benefits to all employees working directly or indirectly for the City of Los Angeles, Domestic Partner benefits for City employees, and inspection of commercially owned apartments to guarantee that landlords meet basic health and safety livability requirements for tenants; and

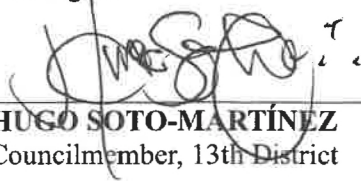
WHEREAS, Goldberg was elected overwhelmingly to her first term in the California State Assembly in 2000, and served for six years where she was the author of legislation that gave LGBT couples almost all the rights and responsibilities of marriage. She was also a principal author of the two State Education Bond Issues that helped LAUSD build new schools to relieve half-day sessions and multi-track, overcrowded, year-round schools; and

WHEREAS, after serving more than two years on the Los Angeles World Airports Board of Airport Commissioners, Jackie was appointed by then-Mayor Eric Garcetti to chair a workgroup that led to changes in Civil Service rules to permit more than 1,000 people to be hired under the City's Targeted Local Hire Program, and includes people who are veterans, disabled workers, those formerly incarcerated (including people still on parole or probation), homeless and formerly homeless individuals, persons living in Los Angeles zip codes that have high poverty and unemployment rates, older workers, and transgender individuals; and

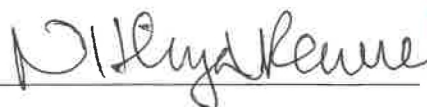
WHEREAS, Goldberg won election twice more to the LAUSD Board of Education. Her priorities have included community schooling, deaf education, campus sustainability and greening, facilities upgrades at all schools, and improving reading skills for students who are furthest from grade-level proficiency. She is finishing her term as President of the Los Angeles Board of Education and Chair of the Curriculum and Instruction Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes the valuable work of Jackie Goldberg in service to the people of Los Angeles and declares December 6, 2024 as Jackie Goldberg Day in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: _____


HUGO SOTO-MARTINEZ
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: _____



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