

## RESOLUTION

### Shohei Ohtani Day

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani was born on July 5, 1994, to Kayoko and Toru Ohtani in Mizusawa, Iwate, Japan; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani began his professional baseball career with the Hokkaido Nippon-Ham Fighters on March 29, 2013, as a pitcher and a position player, setting the record for the fastest official pitch thrown by a Japanese pitcher during his time with the team; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani made his Major League debut with the Los Angeles Angels on March 29, 2018, as both a hitter and a pitcher, matching Babe Ruth's record for combined pitching appearances and home runs in a single season, and receiving the American League Rookie of the Year Award; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani became the first Japanese-born player to hit for the cycle in Major League history; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani became the 16<sup>th</sup> recipient of the Commissioner's Historic Achievement Award on October 26, 2021, for his unprecedented and extraordinary season, with the Commissioner recognizing it as "historically significant"; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani was awarded the American League Most Valuable Player Award, the Associated Press AP Athlete of the Year, the Los Angeles Angels Player of the Year, the Players Choice Award for American League Outstanding Player, the Silver Slugger Award for Designated Hitter, and the Edgar Martinez Outstanding Designated Hitter Award in both 2021 and 2023; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani led Japan's team to victory in the 2023 World Baseball Classic, subsequently earning the title of the tournament's Most Valuable Player and securing a spot on the All-World Baseball Classic Team; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani made his debut with the Los Angeles Dodgers on March 20, 2024; and

WHEREAS, since joining the Dodgers, Shohei Ohtani is among the leaders in the National League in batting average, hits, doubles, and home runs; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani broke the record for most home runs by a Japanese-born Major League player on April 21, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani broke his career record of hardest-hit ball on April 27, 2024; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani has hit more home runs in Major League Baseball than any other Japanese-born player in history; and

WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani captivates fans on both sides of the Pacific and beyond with his exceptional talent and remarkable versatility, and he continues to leave an indelible mark on baseball and beyond; and

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WHEREAS, Shohei Ohtani is a source of immense pride for the City of Los Angeles and all of its people, and for Dodger fans around the world; and

WHEREAS, Asian American Pacific Islander Month is observed throughout May to pay tribute to the extraordinary achievements of generations of Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders who have contributed to American life; and

WHEREAS, the City Council is proud to welcome Shohei Ohtani to Los Angeles City Hall during its commemoration of Asian American Pacific Islander Month,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize May 17 as "Shohei Ohtani Day" in the City of Los Angeles, in recognition of his remarkable career and the historic impact he continues to have on all Angelenos.

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PRESENTED BY:



PAUL KREKORIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



JOHN LEE

Councilmember, 12th District

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WHEREAS, with over 27 years devoted to public service in Los Angeles, Mr. Joseph Avalos has left an indelible mark on the city's landscape; and

WHEREAS, since joining Mayor Eric Garcetti's administration in 2013, Joseph Avalos has held various leadership roles in the Office of Public Safety, contributing significantly to the City's betterment; and

WHEREAS, as the Director of Mayor Karen Bass's Crisis Response Team (CRT), Joseph Avalos oversees a dedicated group of over 250 CRT responders—collaborating closely with the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments to ensure that survivors of traumatic incidents receive the support they need during their darkest hours; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos helped build the CRT program and built bridges for victims, survivors, and local government entities such as the Mayor's Office, Council Districts, and the Los Angeles Police and Fire Departments; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos's visionary leadership has resulted in significant expansion and enhancement of the CRT program—including the doubling in the size of the CRT corps, establishing a Clergy Task Force, and implementing innovative initiatives such as the follow-up protocol and the Animal Therapy program; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos' exceptional work has garnered attention from prominent media outlets, including the Los Angeles Times, the Los Angeles Daily News, and Reader's Digest; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos' lifelong dream to serve as a police officer led him to graduate from the Los Angeles Police Academy as a Level 1 Reserve Police Officer; and

WHEREAS, throughout his tenure with the LAPD, Joseph Avalos has undertaken various roles, including patrol in high-activity areas, Vice, Community Relations; and assignments within the Office of the Chief of Police; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos has played a crucial role in responding to Officer Involved Shootings and managing crisis situations, such as during the COVID-19 pandemic and the George Floyd protests in 2020; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos' outstanding contributions were recognized when he was elected LAPD Mission Division Officer of the Year in 2021; and

WHEREAS, prior to his tenure with the CRT program and LAPD, Joseph Avalos held administrative positions overseeing multiple programs addressing critical societal issues at the non-profit Penny Lane; and

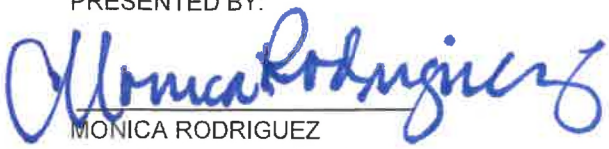
WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos' career in public service began as a counselor working with Gang and At-Risk Youth for the Department of Juvenile Probation; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos served for almost 20 years with the Gay & Lesbian Adolescent Social Services (G.L.A.S.S.), advocating for vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, Joseph Avalos led the Family Assistance Center for the City of Monterey Park's Lunar New Year Mass Casualty shooting, collaborated with the FBI, Department of Mental Health, and the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends Joseph Avalos for his dedicated service to the residents of Los Angeles and congratulates him on his extensive professional accomplishments.

PRESENTED BY:



MONICA RODRIGUEZ  
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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