

PUBLIC WORKS

**MOTION**  
**Phil Roman Square**

Phil Roman is a visionary Mexican American animator, director, and producer whose life and work have left an indelible mark on the global animation industry. Born in 1930 in Fresno, California, to immigrant parents from Mexico, Mr. Roman rose from humble beginnings to become a six-time Emmy Award-winning pioneer in television and film animation.

From his early work as an animator with Walt Disney Studios, MGM, and Warner Bros., to co-directing beloved *Peanuts specials* such as *Bon Voyage*, *Charlie Brown!* and *Race for Your Life, Charlie Brown!*, Mr. Roman helped bring to life some of America's most beloved animated characters and stories. His founding of Film Roman, Inc. in 1984 marked a turning point in American animation. The studio, which began with just two employees, produced the Emmy-winning *Garfield* specials and later became the powerhouse behind *Garfield and Friends*, *Bobby's World*, *King of the Hill*, *The Critic*, and *The Simpsons*.

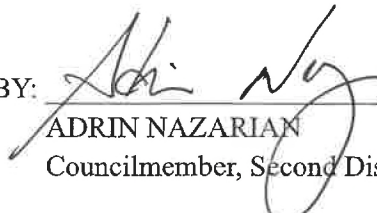
What makes this tribute especially meaningful is that the very first Film Roman office was located at 4424 Ponca Avenue, at the corner of Ponca Avenue and Riverside Drive. From this modest corner Film Roman earned its first Emmy and began its remarkable rise in the entertainment world. That intersection is not only a geographic landmark, but a cultural and creative landmark in the history of Los Angeles animation.

This December, Phil will be turning 95 years old and a historical designation plaque would be a meaningful way to recognize this visionary who infused animation with color, creativity, and heart.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Riverside Drive and Ponca Avenue be named "Phil Roman Square" to honor Phil Roman's extraordinary contributions to the animation industry, his enduring cultural legacy, and his deep connection to this neighborhood as the birthplace of Film Roman Studios.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signage at this location to reflect this dedication.

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