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Sandra Figueroa-Villa, born and raised in South Los Angeles, has devoted over four decades of her life and career to the non-profit sector, serving as the Executive Director of El Centro del Pueblo since 1980.

El Centro del Pueblo, established in 1974, works to address and mitigate the impacts of gang violence in Los Angeles. Under Ms. Figueroa-Villa's leadership, El Centro grew from an organization with a budget deficit and two part-time employees to a nationally recognized social services provider with 80 employees and an annual budget of \$10 million.


Today, El Centro houses the Echo Park Family Source Center and has developed property to expand clinical programs and generate income for additional services for the community. Ms. Figueroa-Villa has expanded El Centro's services to include family preservation, day-treatment, and youth delinquency prevention programs, providing culturally competent services that reduce youth violence and strengthen local families.


In addition to her work with El Centro del Pueblo, Ms. Figueroa-Villa has also been active in public service, serving on the Board of Police Commissioners, playing a significant role in developing the policies that guide the Police Department's interactions with unhoused individuals and the Department's de-escalation and use of force policies. Ms. Figueroa-Villa currently serves on the California State University of Los Angeles President's Council and has served on numerous board and commissions including the City's Children, Youth, and Family Commission and the Los Angeles Unified School District's Redistricting Commission.

In recognition of Ms. Figueroa-Villa's decades of leadership in advancing social justice and community empowerment both in her non-profit work and civil service, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of W. Sunset Boulevard and Lemoyne Street, adjacent to El Centro del Pueblo's main office, as "Sandra Figueroa-Villa Square."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at W. Sunset Boulevard and Lemoyne Street be named as "**Sandra Figueroa-Villa Square**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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