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WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones has served the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power as Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Engineer with exceptional leadership, dedication, and professionalism during a period marked by unprecedented challenges, strategic transformation, and bold progress toward a clean energy future for the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones is the first Latina to lead the largest municipal water and power utility in the United States, and has inspired many with her extensive experience in the utility industry and her dedicated service to the U.S. Coast Guard, retiring in 2025 after 20 years of active duty and the reserve; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Department further strengthened its commitment to serve all customers safely, equitably, reliably, and sustainably, ensuring LADWP remained steadfast in its mission to provide essential water and power services to the City's four million residents; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones championed a culture of safety and operational excellence, supporting initiatives that reduced employee injuries, such as launching the new Department-wide Intalex safety platform, and establishing an Executive Safety Steering Committee to advance workplace safety goals; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones brought to the Department her perspective and expertise in crisis response, providing steady leadership during major incidents including extreme heat events, atmospheric rivers, unprecedented wildfires, water service interruption, and civil unrest—ensuring continuity of operations, protection of employees and critical facilities, and rapid restoration of essential services to customers across Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, by demonstrating grace under pressure and calm leadership amidst a historic crisis, Janisse Quiñones led LADWP's response to the Palisades Fire, restoring vital services and supporting the rebuilding effort, strengthening the resilience of our water and electric systems while prioritizing customers' immediate access to water and power; and

WHEREAS, under her direction, LADWP advanced significant water reliability infrastructure investments such as the construction of the \$740 million L.A. Groundwater Replenishment Project, the North Hollywood West Response Action Groundwater Treatment Facility, and the Fairmont Sedimentation Plant Project; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones led the department to milestone achievements in clean energy and climate resiliency, achieving more than 60 percent clean energy with the commissioning of the Eland Solar-Plus-Storage Center, and fulfilling the goal of a coal-free energy portfolio with the retirement of coal units at the hydrogen-capable Intermountain Power Project in Utah; and



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WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones connected with LADWP's employees by holding a monthly Employee Town Hall meeting to discuss key initiatives and projects to keep the workforce informed and engaged in strategic goals and objectives; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones strengthened LADWP's commitment to underrepresented communities by supporting seniors through Cool LA heat relief events, and expanding access to utility assistance programs serving hundreds of thousands of customers; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones helped advance LADWP's position as a national leader in public utility excellence, with the Department earning top-tier recognitions, including the American Public Power Association's Safety Award of Excellence Diamond Status, the J.D. Power Sustainability Index's Number 1 national ranking, the EPEAT Purchaser Award, and the 2024 w3 Gold Award for LADWP.com; and

WHEREAS, she played a key role in building and strengthening LADWP's workforce, developing a diverse executive leadership team, accelerating civil service hiring by up to 14 months across 18 eligibility lists, improving employee onboarding and engagement, and expanding career opportunities for women in the utility sector; and

WHEREAS, her work helped modernize LADWP's internal systems and business processes by launching Workday, upgrading department-wide digital and network infrastructure, implementing enterprise compliance systems, and initiating major operational improvements in procurement, new business processes, and customer-facing technologies; and

WHEREAS, Janisse Quiñones has established herself as a visionary, adaptable, strategic, people-centric, and authentic leader, receiving awards and recognitions such as the LA Times Studios 2025 Inspirational Women Forum and Leadership Awards; and

WHEREAS, during her tenure, Janisse Quiñones set an enterprise-wide strategy founded on the three pillars of Customers, Communities, and Co-workers: serving customers as they want to be served; having a net positive impact on our communities, and unlocking the full potential of our workforce;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes and honors Janisse Quiñones for her exemplary leadership, professionalism, and extraordinary contributions to strengthening and modernizing the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power.

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PRESENTED BY: _____

ADRIN NAZARIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: *Seathe Hill* _____

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DAVID HARTMIRE

WHEREAS, David Hartmire began his full-time professional career with the YMCA in 1983 at the Culver-Palms Family YMCA, where he worked in a variety of programs including child care, camp, Indian Guides, Youth & Government, and even served as Interim Executive Director; and

WHEREAS, in 1989, Mr. Hartmire took on the role of Executive Director of the East Valley Family YMCA, successfully guiding the organization through financial challenges and restoring it to fiscal stability; and

WHEREAS, in 1994, he continued his leadership with the YMCA of San Francisco as Executive Director of Camp Jones Gulch, overseeing the organization's camping programs and providing meaningful outdoor experiences for young people; and

WHEREAS, after serving as an independent consultant supporting nonprofit fundraising efforts for many years, Mr. Hartmire returned to the YMCA in 2014 as Executive Director of the East Valley Family YMCA, once again transforming a struggling operation into a thriving organization with consistent financial surpluses; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, Mr. Hartmire became Executive Director of the North Valley Family YMCA in Porter Ranch, where he led efforts to reopen and rebuild programs following the COVID-19 pandemic and expanded services to the community; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, the North Valley Family YMCA now serves more than 10,000 individuals each year through child care, youth sports, swim lessons, physical education, enrichment classes, and civic engagement programs, and in 2025 began operating the San Fernando Gardens Community Center serving the communities of Pacoima, Sylmar, and San Fernando.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commends David Hartmire for his decades of dedicated leadership and service to the YMCA and the communities of the San Fernando Valley. We congratulate him on his many accomplishments and extend our sincere appreciation for his lasting impact on the families and young people he has served.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: 
ALL COUNCIL


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Ted Chen

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles proudly honors individuals whose vision, leadership, and service have strengthened our communities, advanced equity, and expanded opportunity for generations of Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, Ted Chen truly believes Los Angeles is the City of Angels— for it must have been divine intervention when, nearly 4 decades ago, he got into UCLA— one of the best universities in the world and certainly the better one in town; and

WHEREAS, Ted has served more than 30 years in his dream job— television reporter and anchor at KNBC, one of the most prominent and respected stations in the country, covering important stories across decades and winning two Golden Mike Awards and an Emmy Award; and

WHEREAS, Ted traveled with former Mayor James Hahn during his economic trip to Asia in 2002. He went to Beijing in 2008 to cover China's first Olympic Games; and

WHEREAS, he's interviewed presidents, governors, senators, congress members, supervisors, mayors, council members, and countless celebrities on red carpets at the Oscars, Emmys, and Golden Globes. His favorite celebrity interview was with Mr. Spock himself, Leonard Nimoy, because Ted is a Trekkie; and

WHEREAS, Ted spent countless hours in City Council chambers. Back when reporters and photographers would squeeze around the council president to get their shots, Ted remembers sitting on the steps next to then Council President Eric Garcetti trying not to fall asleep; and

WHEREAS, Ted covered his share of crime and tragic events in Los Angeles. But what he'll remember most is the resiliency of its people. Whether it was earthquakes, fires, or riots, LA is a City that comes back. It's one of the big reasons why Ted and his wife Ariell have made Los Angeles their home as he begins his new chapter; and

WHEREAS, Ted's faith has been the most important part of his life. He served as Missions Director, Diversity Outreach Director, and guest speaker at Vintage Church LA for nearly 15 years. He is now pursuing his Doctor of Ministry at Gordon-Conwell Theological Seminary and is now working in ministry full-time. He is the voice behind @GOODNEWSTED, an online ministry sharing the hope of God's Kingdom; and

WHEREAS, Ted believes it's only by God's grace that he's gotten this far— and he's praying for more of it in the years ahead. And what better place to receive it than the City of Angels;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes and commends Ted Chen for his extraordinary work, passion and dedication for all Angelenos, and his



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commitment to making the City a better place. We honor his remarkable legacy, defined by service, vision, and compassion, and express our profound gratitude for his tireless efforts to make Los Angeles a City where everyone can thrive.

PRESENTED BY:  : Fox
Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 

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