

RESOLUTION
DETECTIVE II ROBERT ARMANDO GUEVARA
Serial No. 33144

WHEREAS, Detective II Robert Armando Guevara's law enforcement career began on July 8, 1996, when he was appointed as a sworn member of the Los Angeles Police Department. His dedicated and distinguished service to the City of Los Angeles spans 29 years and nine months, culminating with his retirement on April 15, 2026; and

WHEREAS, Detective Guevara served with honor and integrity in a variety of assignments, including Training Division, Harbor Area, Pacific Area, West Los Angeles Area, and Harbor Area; and

WHEREAS, Detective Guevara, as a member of the Los Angeles Police Department, displayed extraordinary professionalism and unwavering dedication during some of the City's most pivotal and historic events, including the 2000 Democratic National Convention, the 2019 events following the Nipsey Hussle Murder, the global 2020 COVID-19 pandemic, the 2020 Los Angeles civil unrest, the 2021 Palisades Fire, and the 2025 Palisades Fire; and

WHEREAS, Detective Guevara has been the recipient of numerous commendations from his supervisors, commanding officers, residents, and the business community for his work ethic, professionalism, integrity, outstanding work performance, and efforts in crime reduction; and

WHEREAS, Detective Guevara, throughout his remarkable career, honorably served the Los Angeles Police Department and the City of Los Angeles with pride and distinction; he consistently went above and beyond the call of duty; and

WHEREAS, his unwavering respect for the residents he served stands as a testament to his integrity and outstanding character:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend DETECTIVE II ROBERT ARMANDO GUEVARA for his 29 years and nine months of outstanding achievement in the field of law enforcement. His commitment and dedication exemplify the highest traditions and vision of the Los Angeles Police Department and have made our city a better and safer place in which to live and work. Best wishes and happiness to Detective Guevara for a long and well-deserved retirement.

PRESENTED BY: _____


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____



ORIGINAL


APR 14 2026

RESOLUTION

Sam Watson Day

WHEREAS, Sam Watson became a resident of Los Angeles in 1956; and

WHEREAS, Sam Watson served as a coach and mentor at Raymond Avenue Elementary School from 1971 to 1983, positively impacting the lives of countless young people; and

WHEREAS, Sam Watson began working at Motown Records in 1983 in the Artist Relations Department, contributing to one of the most influential music labels in history; and

WHEREAS, during his tenure at Motown Records, Sam Watson worked with a variety of legendary artists including Marvin Gaye, The Jackson Five, Smokey Robinson, and many other renowned performers; and

WHEREAS, in the early 90's, Sam Watson was given the opportunity to work with world renown boxing and entertainment producer Al Hayman; and

WHEREAS, they produced live and broadcast concerts around the world; and

WHEREAS, Sam Watson was widely recognized as a key figure in Premier Boxing Champions PBC, a premier boxing promotion company established in 2015 that showcases world-class boxing events globally; and

WHEREAS, Sam Watson has mentored thousands of youth in South Los Angeles and across the nation, making significant contributions toward community development and empowerment; and

WHEREAS, Sam Watson has made a lasting and positive impact by using sports as a tool to instill pride, discipline, and self-esteem in young people;

WHEREAS, Sam Watson has raised substantial funds in support of cancer and other medical research and charitable causes; and

WHEREAS, Sam has been a positive role model as a humanitarian, philanthropist, and community activist who has not forgotten his roots to improve the lives of others;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby honors Sam Watson for his decades of community service and contributions to the City of Los Angeles and we congratulate him on his continued endeavors; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares April 17, 2026 as "Sam Watson Day" in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 

CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 


APR 14 2026

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña was a distinguished historian, educator, author, and activist widely regarded as the “godfather of Chicano Studies,” whose scholarship and advocacy profoundly shaped the field and advanced the understanding of Mexican American and Chicano history and culture; and

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña was Professor Emeritus at California State University, Northridge, where he helped establish one of the first Chicano Studies programs in the United States, paving the way for the institutionalization of Ethnic Studies nationwide; and

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña was the author of the groundbreaking book *Occupied America: A History of Chicanos*, first published in 1972, which remains a foundational text in Chicano Studies and has educated generations of students on the social, political, and economic experiences of Mexican Americans and Chicanos; and

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña dedicated his life to social justice, civil rights, and educational equity, advocating for greater access to higher education and the inclusion of historically marginalized voices in academic discourse; and

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña’s work helped empower communities in Los Angeles and beyond by fostering cultural pride, critical thinking, and civic engagement among students and scholars; and

WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña passed away on Monday, March 23, 2026, and his recent passing has been met tributes honoring his extraordinary life, enduring legacy, and immeasurable contributions to scholarship, education, and the Mexican American and Chicano communities; and

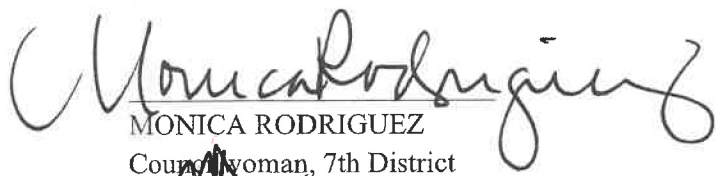
WHEREAS, Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña’s legacy will continue to inspire educators, activists, and policymakers to advance equity, representation, and opportunity for all communities; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the City of Los Angeles posthumously recognize Rodolfo F. Acuña for his lifetime of contributions to education, scholarship, and the Chicano community:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Los Angeles City Council hereby honor the legacy of “Rodolfo Francisco “Rudy” Acuña” on May 18th, 2026 in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District



APR 14 2026

ORIGINAL

**RESOLUTION
ELTON BLAKE**

WHEREAS, Elton Blake, born on November 28, 1954, in Trinidad, West Indies, immigrated to the United States in 1971 and, through determination and purpose, built a life and career defined by service, leadership, and impact; and

WHEREAS, he earned a Bachelor's degree in Business Administration from Bernard M. Baruch College in New York City, laying the foundation for a career dedicated to advancing economic opportunity and strengthening communities; and

WHEREAS, Elton began his tenure with the Watts Labor Community Action Committee (WLCAC) on February 21, 1989, and through demonstrated leadership and results, rose through the ranks to, ultimately, retire as Program Director, becoming a central force in the organization's workforce development efforts; and

WHEREAS, over the course of his time at WLCAC, Elton led, shaped, and sustained workforce development initiatives that connected thousands of individuals to employment, training, and career pathways, positioning them for long-term stability and upward mobility; and

WHEREAS, as a leader of the WorkSource Center, Elton ensured it served as a vital anchor in Southeast Los Angeles and Watts—delivering high-quality services, aligning programs to community need, and creating real access to opportunity for individuals and families; and

WHEREAS, his leadership consistently translated vision into action—expanding access, strengthening program outcomes, and advancing a system that delivered measurable results for communities too often overlooked; and


WHEREAS, Elton led with integrity, discipline, and intention, mentoring staff, building strong teams, and fostering a culture grounded in accountability, professionalism, and a deep commitment to those served; and

WHEREAS, he has been widely recognized for his dedication to improving the lives of individuals seeking upward mobility and for his enduring commitment to economic empowerment and community advancement; and

WHEREAS, his legacy is reflected in the thousands of lives changed, the careers launched, and the stronger, more resilient community that stands today because of his leadership and decades of service:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize and congratulate ELTON BLAKE for his 38 years of service to the Watts Labor Community Action Committee and the residents of the City of Los Angeles. Best wishes for continued health, happiness, and a long-deserved retirement.

PRESENTED BY: _____


TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____




APR 14 2026

ORIGINAL

RESOLUTION
KATHLEEN J. BURNS

WHEREAS, Captain Kathleen J. Burns was born in Van Nuys, California, and has dedicated 30 years of distinguished service to the residents of Los Angeles through her career with the Los Angeles Police Department; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, Captain Burns began her career with the Los Angeles Police Department, going on to serve in a wide range of assignments including Patrol, Traffic, Vice, and specialized units, consistently demonstrating professionalism, leadership, and an unwavering commitment to public safety; and

WHEREAS, in 2003, she was promoted to the rank of Detective, where she conducted investigations into serious crimes including burglary and robbery, while also earning her Master's Degree in Public Administration from California State University, Northridge in 2005; and

WHEREAS, during her assignment to Narcotics, Captain Burns found her passion for addressing quality of life issues, rising to Detective III as Officer-In-Charge of a Narcotics Enforcement Detail, where she worked diligently to make neighborhoods safer; and

WHEREAS, in 2012, she was promoted to Lieutenant and served as Watch Commander in West Los Angeles Division, later transferring to Mission Division where she became Commanding Officer of Detectives, overseeing complex and high-profile investigations; and

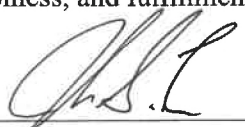
WHEREAS, in March 2017, Captain Burns was promoted to Captain I and served as Commanding Officer of Devonshire Patrol Division, later serving as Patrol Captain at Hollenbeck Division, before returning to Devonshire in 2019 where she was promoted to Captain III and served as Commanding Officer for the Devonshire Area; and

WHEREAS, throughout her career, Captain Burns has remained committed to serving the communities of Los Angeles and supporting the men and women of the Los Angeles Police Department, leaving a lasting impact through her leadership, dedication, and service; and

WHEREAS, as she retires after three decades of honorable service, Captain Burns leaves behind a legacy of integrity, professionalism, and meaningful contributions to public safety in Los Angeles.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commends Captain Kathleen J. Burns on the occasion of her retirement and thanks her for 30 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles. We extend our sincere appreciation for her contributions and wish her continued success, happiness, and fulfillment in this next chapter.

PRESENTED BY: _____


JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY: _____


ALL COUNCIL

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APR 14 2020

Resolution

Los Angeles Azules Day

WHEREAS, formed in 1976 in the working-class neighborhoods of Iztapalapa, Mexico City, Los Ángeles Azules was founded by the siblings of the Mejía Avante family, who ultimately shaped the cultural phenomenon of *cumbia sonidera* and popularized its romantic, danceable rhythms worldwide; and

WHEREAS, the group has built a multi-generational legacy on hits like “Cómo Te Voy a Olvidar,” “El Listón de Tu Pelo,” and “Nunca Es Suficiente.” These tracks remain fixtures at celebrations across Latin America and the United States, driven by their signature rhythm and storytelling; and

WHEREAS, they transformed the Latin music landscape by bridging social divides, most notably by fusing traditional cumbia with symphonic arrangements and collaborating with contemporary pop and rock artists, bringing *cumbia sonidera* to entirely new audiences; and

WHEREAS, the band maintains a strong connection with the City of Los Angeles, where their music acts as a cultural bridge for the Mexican diaspora. Their performances at local venues—including the Hollywood Bowl and Crypto.com Arena—have consistently united Angelenos in celebrating immigrant roots and shared cultural pride; and

WHEREAS, major milestones for the group include becoming the first traditional cumbia act to perform at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival in 2018, and representing Mexico in YouTube’s Billion Views Club with the tracks “Mis Sentimientos” and “Nunca Es Suficiente”; and

WHEREAS, Los Ángeles Azules have earned multiple Latin Grammy Award nominations and received lifetime achievement honors from the Billboard Latin Music Awards, alongside gold and platinum album certifications in both Mexico and the United States; and

WHEREAS, today, the group continues to tour globally, bringing Mexican cumbia to major international stages and demonstrating that their music easily transcends borders and language.

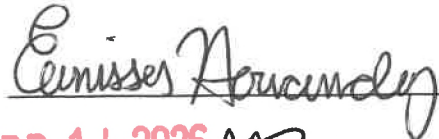
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby declares September 14, 2026, as **LOS ÁNGELES AZULES DAY** in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:



IMELDA PADILLA
Councilmember, 6th District

SECONDED BY:



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