

RESOLUTION
IRENE HUERTA

WHEREAS, Irene Huerta grew up in Wilmington, California, where she attended secondary school and high school. She immediately joined the workforce after graduating from Phineas Banning High School. She spent many years working at Todd Shipyards before it closed its doors in 1989, and then spent 15 years at Nissan North America as a Senior Staff Accountant before its move to Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, currently, Irene Huerta, an administrative professional, is the Assistant to the President of International Longshore Warehouse Union (ILWU) Local 13. A long-time employee, she has been working for the Local in many different capacities since March of 2004; and

WHEREAS, during the nineteen years at ILWU, she has worked in various positions until she was promoted to Administrative Assistant II to the President in 2006. Dedicated and enthusiastic to work with the President, it is her job to facilitate documentation vital to jurisdiction, political legislation, and Local Union Constitution and By-Laws, as it extends to all members of ILWU; and

WHEREAS, she meets with affiliate Locals, International Officers, Union Representatives, and political allies; and

WHEREAS, Irene's responsibilities include maintaining scheduling, coordinating meetings, making travel arrangements, and being a point of contact for a range of staff and external stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, in addition, she is the overall Executive, assisting other Officers with their needs for research materials and labor relations development. She handles all plans for training, taking minutes for advisory committee meetings, and connects with almost every support department at the Local, from Accounting, Information Technology, and Personnel; and

WHEREAS, Irene is also actively involved in the community. She was President, United Wilmington Youth Foundation (UWYF), co-founder of California Families Against Solitary Confinement, and Board Member, Northeast Community Clinic and Child Lane. She was an at-large DNC Delegate for President-elect Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris. Elected member of the Los Angeles County Central Committee, California Democratic Party Assembly Delegate District 65, Treasurer of the AVANCE Democratic Club, Vice President of the San Pedro Democratic Club, Child Lane Executive Board Members, Los Angeles County Federation of Labor Delegate; and

WHEREAS, her honors include 2014 Regional Hispanic Institute, Mujeres de Ano, 2015 Extraordinary Citizen of the 35th Senate District, 2016 Women in Leadership of Assembly District 64, Senator Lara Worker Appreciation award, and Harry Bridges Institute's 2016 Working Class Women award; and

WHEREAS, Irene's drive for positive change led her to engage in politics during the 2012 Los Angeles mayoral race, and she has been a force in civic and labor advocacy ever since; and


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WHEREAS, above all, Irene is a devoted wife, mother of three sons, and proud dog rescuer to her fur babies, proving that strength in leadership starts with the heart at home:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby congratulates and honors IRENE HUERTA for being awarded the 2026 Ray Cordova Outstanding Labor Leader Award for her dedication, heart, public service, and unwavering commitment to uplifting the community, and extends its sincere gratitude and best wishes for her continued success and impact in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 

TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: 

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WHEREAS, Amir Tabakh has devoted more than 40 years of service to the City of Los Angeles through exemplary leadership, engineering and testing expertise, innovation and creativity within the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety and the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power; and

WHEREAS, Amir Tabakh began his career with the Los Angeles Department of Building and Safety in 1985, ultimately serving as Chief of Mechanical Engineering and Mechanical Testing Laboratories; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tabakh directed mechanical plan check sections responsible for more than 6,000 major development projects annually, coordinated the activities of more than 500 inspectors, and played a key role in modernizing permitting processes and implementing important code reforms to strengthen public safety and operational efficiency throughout the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tabakh oversaw the adoption and implementation of landmark city ordinances and initiatives, including Adaptive Reuse, Fire Safety, Methane Mitigation, Seismic Gas Shutoff Valves, water conservation measures, and recycled water programs; and

WHEREAS, since 2008, Mr. Tabakh has continued his outstanding service at the Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, serving first as Director of Environmental Engineering and ultimately as Assistant Director of Distributed Energy at the La Kretz Innovation Campus, where he established the latest state-of-the-art Energy Efficiency and Water Conservation Testing Laboratories and led transformative efforts in water conservation, energy efficiency, microgrid, Demand Response Pilot Programs, building electrification behind the metres, and sustainable Net Zero Plus Dash Boards with NECA-IBEW L11 infrastructure development; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Tabakh spearheaded a Memorandum of Understanding with UCI California Plug Load Research Center on plug load strategies and concepts not limited to AI and data centers; and

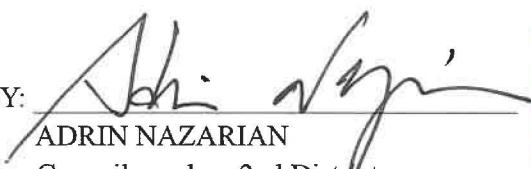
WHEREAS, Mr. Tabakh spearheaded the High Efficiency Water Conservation Ordinance in Los Angeles and the United States, a major initiative projected to reduce citywide water use by twenty percent from 2009 through 2029, while also directing retrofits of more than 300 LADWP facilities and advancing LEED, CalGreen, and statewide building standards; and

WHEREAS, throughout his career, Mr. Tabakh has demonstrated an unwavering commitment to the advancement of building safety, sustainability, water conservation, and clean energy for the benefit of all Angelenos;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes and honors Amir Tabakh for his four decades of exceptional public service, visionary leadership, and enduring contributions to the City of Los Angeles, Nationwide Codes and Standards Agencies, and extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation for his lasting impact on the safety, sustainability, and resilience of the City.


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PRESENTED BY:


ADRIN NAZARIAN
Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY:



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