

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, on June 25, 1967, The Beatles performed their song *All You Need Is Love* live from Abbey Road Studios in London as part of the BBC's *Our World*, the first international live satellite television broadcast, reaching an estimated 400 million viewers across the globe and creating a historic moment of international unity and shared cultural experience; and

WHEREAS, the message conveyed through *All You Need Is Love* of promoting peace, compassion, understanding, and human connection continues to resonate with people of all ages, backgrounds, and nationalities nearly six decades later; and

WHEREAS, in 2009, lifelong Beatles fan Faith Cohen established Global Beatles Day as an annual celebration honoring The Beatles, their music, and the enduring values reflected in their artistic legacy; and

WHEREAS, Global Beatles Day has grown into an international grassroots celebration observed through concerts, exhibitions, educational programs, community gatherings, and cultural events in cities throughout the world, including Tokyo, Liverpool, New York City, Buenos Aires, and many other communities; and

WHEREAS, the celebration highlights the extraordinary contributions of John Lennon, Paul McCartney, George Harrison, and Ringo Starr, whose influence on music, culture, fashion, artistic expression, and social consciousness has been profound and enduring; and

WHEREAS, The Beatles remain among the most successful and influential musical artists in history, with their music continuing to inspire new generations and their groundbreaking recordings helping redefine the possibilities of popular music and artistic innovation; and

WHEREAS, Apple Corps Ltd., the company founded by The Beatles to oversee their creative and business interests, has formally recognized Global Beatles Day and its mission of celebrating community, connection, and joy through music; and

WHEREAS, in recognition of the anniversary of the historic 1967 *Our World* broadcast, The Beatles have released a newly colorized version of their performance of *All You Need Is Love*, making the iconic performance available online for fans worldwide and renewing its message for a new generation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has long been a center for music, creativity, diversity, and cultural exchange, and recognizes the power of the arts to bring people together, foster understanding, and strengthen communities; and

WHEREAS, the values celebrated by Global Beatles Day of peace, unity, kindness, creativity, and connection reflect ideals embraced by the residents of Los Angeles and communities throughout the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes June 25, 2026, as Global Beatles Day and celebrates the positive impact the Beatles have had in promoting community, cultural appreciation, and the universal message that "All You Need Is Love."

PRESENTED BY:



MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:




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Paul Racs, 39 Years of Service

WHEREAS, Paul Racs, Director of the Office of Community Beautification, is retiring on July 25, 2026, from the Board of Public Works after 39 years of dedicated service to the City of Los Angeles; and,

WHEREAS, Paul Racs started his career on December 7, 1987 as a Management Assistant with the City of Los Angeles following his graduation from the University of California, Santa Barbara, where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Political Science; and then went on to start his career as one of three Area Coordinators with the newly created Operation Clean Sweep Program within the Board of Public Works; and then in 2005 went on to become the Director of what had then become the Office of Community Beautification (OCB); and

WHEREAS, Paul Racs, over the course of almost four decades in the Board of Public Works, has provided visionary leadership in ensuring that every neighborhood is a clean, green, and beautiful place to live work, and play; and has been instrumental in developing programs including the Adopt-a-Median, Adopt-a-Spot, Vining, Nuisance Alley Conversion, Anti-graffiti Educational Outreach, Neighborhood Matching Fund, Community Beautification Grant, Public Right-of-Way Cleanup and Weed Abatement, Rain Barrel, Sidewalk Rebate, Court Restitution, Clean Streets LA Programs; and

WHEREAS, through his leadership at OCB, Paul Racs has championed workforce development opportunities for both youth and adults through the CleanLA and LA River Rangers programs; and

WHEREAS, Paul Racs, during this tenure, both in daily work and in times of crisis, has overseen thousands of clean up and beautification events with hundreds of thousands of volunteers and community-based organizations, served in a pivotal leadership role resulting in the removal of hundreds of millions of square feet of graffiti, and the collection of millions of bags of trash contributing significantly to the cleanliness, beautification, and quality of life throughout the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Paul Racs established the OCB Annual Beautification Conference in partnership with Keep America Beautiful and also serves on the Keep Los Angeles Beautiful Advisory Board, demonstrating his commitment to fostering civic engagement and environmental stewardship throughout the City; and

WHEREAS, Paul Racs has demonstrated exceptional leadership and service to his community for over twenty years through the Boy Scouts of America, serving as an Executive Board Member of the Verdugo Hills Council, recognized as a Silver Beaver Award recipient for his outstanding service to youth, serving as Scoutmaster of Troop 188, mentoring young people in developing life skills, preparedness, and a commitment to lives of purpose and impact, personally mentoring 30 youth To Eagle Scout rank—including his own son, as well as two daughters, who earned the Girl Scout Gold Award; and

WHEREAS, Paul Racs met his wife of 33 years, Mei Kwan, a now retired City employee of the Los Angeles Zoo, while they were both working for the Board of Public Works; and together, they have built a loving family and raised three remarkable children: Kaylee, Krysten and Kenny. Today, Kenny continues the family's tradition of public service, honoring his parents' legacy as a fellow City employee; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and congratulates Paul Racs on his 39 years of loyal and dedicated public service; expresses its sincere appreciation for his exemplary leadership and steadfast commitment to the Board of Public Works and the City of Los Angeles; and extends its best wishes for continued health, happiness, and success in his retirement and all future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:


EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY:


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