

RESOLUTION

Melanie Comarcho

WHEREAS, Melanie Comarcho, born in Chicago and raised in the city of Inglewood, California, has dedicated her life to service, family, and the pursuit of excellence in the arts; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Comarcho honorably served her country as a member of the United States Army and later contributed to the aerospace industry as an assembler and technician at Hughes Aircraft Co. in El Segundo; and

WHEREAS, after entering the world of comedy on a dare, her natural talent was immediately recognized by the producers of *Def Comedy Jam*, leading to a professional debut that launched a storied career in entertainment; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Comarcho was named "Favorite Stand-Up Female" at the Soul Train Comedy Awards and became a trailblazing voice in the industry, notably serving as the first stand-up comedian featured on Chris Rock's late-night talk show; and

WHEREAS, she has shared the stage as the opening act for legendary performers including Chris Tucker, Maxwell, Martin Lawrence, and Katt Williams, while maintaining a prolific presence on screen in projects such as *First Sunday*, *Phat Tuesdays*, and her self-produced special, *Melanie Comarcho: Hello!*; and

WHEREAS, despite her immense professional success, she has remained committed to philanthropy, lending her talents to fundraisers for the Magic Johnson Foundation, Alonzo Mourning, and Ray Lewis, among others; and

WHEREAS, Melanie Comarcho has successfully balanced a demanding career with the joys of motherhood, raising two daughters and serving as an inspiration to women and veterans everywhere through her resilience and love for her craft;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commends Ms. Melanie Comarcho for her bravery in service, her brilliance in comedy, and her enduring contributions to the cultural fabric of California and the entertainment industry at large.

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Luenell Campbell

WHEREAS, Luenell Campbell, affectionately known as the “Original Bad Girl of Comedy,” was born in Tollette, Arkansas, and raised in Oakland, California, bringing a unique blend of Southern roots and West Coast energy to the global stage; and

WHEREAS, for more than 30 years, Luenell has thrilled audiences with her brand of comedy, proving that while she may be small in stature, her big personality, booming voice, and infectious laughter commands any room she enters; and

WHEREAS, Luenell’s breakout role in the 2006 hit mockumentary *Borat: Cultural Learnings of America for Make Benefit Glorious Nation of Kazakhstan* introduced her to mainstream international audiences, where she portrayed a character with a "heart of gold" who famously won the protagonist's heart; and

WHEREAS, her body of work spans decades of iconic film and television, including performances in *Coming 2 America*, *Dolemite Is My Name*, *A Star is Born*, *Think Like a Man*, and the animated 2025 blockbuster *DOG MAN*; and

WHEREAS, she continues to be a force on the small screen with roles in acclaimed series such as *Hacks*, *The Last O.G.*, and the *Neighborhood* spinoff, *CRUTCH*, starring Tracy Morgan; and

WHEREAS, Luenell has reached the pinnacle of stand-up comedy with her Netflix special, *Town Business*, executive produced by Dave Chappelle and directed by Stan Lathan, and currently maintains a prestigious headlining residency at Jimmy Kimmel’s Comedy Club in Las Vegas; and

WHEREAS, through her participation in the docuseries *Phat Tuesdays*, she has helped preserve the history of Black comedy, celebrating the influential showcase that launched the careers of industry titans;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes Ms. Luenell Campbell for her enduring contributions to the arts, her unwavering authenticity, and her status as one of the most sought-after and in-demand performers in the entertainment industry today.

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Darryl Lynn Hughley

WHEREAS, Darryl Lynn Hughley, also known as D.L. Hughley, was born in Portsmouth, Virginia, and raised in South Central Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, D.L. Hughley has established himself as a titan of American entertainment, recognized globally as a Peabody Award-winning host, actor, producer, and one of the legendary "Original Kings of Comedy"; and

WHEREAS, his namesake sitcom, *The Hughleys*, which ran on ABC and UPN, cemented his status as a premiere talent in television, showcasing his ability to blend sharp social commentary with relatable family dynamics; and

WHEREAS, D.L. Hughley has authored five provocative and insightful books, including the New York Times Bestsellers *Black Man*, *White House: An Oral History of the Obama Years* and *How Not To Get Shot, And Other Advice From White People*, as well as the impactful *Surrender White People* and *How to Survive America*; and

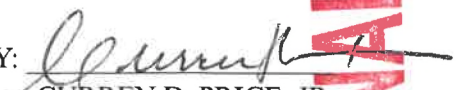
WHEREAS, his commitment to fearless satire and political astuteness was exemplified in the Comedy Central special *D.L. Hughley: The Endangered List*, for which he was honored with the prestigious George Foster Peabody Award; and

WHEREAS, he serves as a vital voice in the national discourse through "The D.L. Hughley Show," a syndicated radio program reaching over 60 markets, where he dives headfirst into trending news, pop culture, and the hot topics of the day; and

WHEREAS, his extensive body of work includes dramatic turns in Aaron Sorkin's *Studio 60 on the Sunset Strip*, hosting roles on CNN and TV-One, and eleven acclaimed stand-up specials, including the 2018 Netflix hit *Contrarian*; and

WHEREAS, throughout his three-decade career, D.L. Hughley has remained dedicated to his "first love" of stand-up comedy, using the microphone as a tool for both laughter and profound social reflection;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby honors Mr. Darryl Lynn Hughley for his extraordinary achievements in comedy and literature, his unwavering dedication to truth-telling, and his indelible mark on the landscape of American media and culture.

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Deon Cole

WHEREAS, Deon Cole, a native of Chicago, Illinois, has ascended from the comedy clubs of his hometown to become an internationally recognized stand-up comedian, actor, and writer of exceptional caliber; and

WHEREAS, his signature blend of sharp observational humor, laid-back delivery, and infectious charm has established him as one of the most beloved and distinctive voices in contemporary American comedy; and

WHEREAS, Deon Cole distinguished himself as a premier comedic writer and performer for *The Tonight Show with Conan O'Brien* and *Conan*, earning multiple Emmy Award nominations and the enduring admiration of late-night television audiences; and

WHEREAS, his versatile acting talent has been on full display in the critically acclaimed and socially significant series *Black-ish* and *Grown-ish*, where he successfully balanced humor and heart to address complex cultural themes; and

WHEREAS, his brilliantly crafted stand-up specials, including *Deon Cole: Cole Blooded Seminar* and *Deon Cole: Charleen's Boy*, have demonstrated his unique ability to connect with global audiences through honest, relatable storytelling and unapologetic authenticity; and

WHEREAS, throughout his prolific career, he has used his platform to elevate essential conversations regarding family, relationships, and the nuances of everyday life, challenging audiences to think as much as they laugh; and

WHEREAS, Deon Cole has remained a humble and dedicated steward of his craft, serving as an inspiration to aspiring entertainers by proving that hard work and staying true to one's unique voice are the foundations of a lasting legacy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City City of the City of Los Angeles hereby honors Mr. Deon Cole for his extraordinary contributions to the arts, his commitment to spreading joy, and his tireless dedication to making the world a brighter place through the power of humor.

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Nathaniel Stroman

WHEREAS, Nathaniel Stroman, known professionally as “Earthquake,” has for nearly 30 years mastered the arts of stand-up comedy, acting, voice artistry, and radio, becoming a beloved and formidable presence in the entertainment industry; and

WHEREAS, Earthquake’s career was forged in the iconic fires of *BET* and *HBO’s Def Comedy Jam*, building a loyal and ever-growing fanbase that spans generations; and

WHEREAS, in 2021, he achieved a monumental career milestone with his Netflix special, *Chappelle’s Home Team – Earthquake: Legendary*, which was lauded by the *New York Times* as the funniest comedy special of the year and introduced his brilliant comedic timing to a new global audience; and

WHEREAS, he has expanded his creative reach into the realm of prestige television and film, with notable recurring roles in CBS’s *The Neighborhood*, *Johnson*, *South Side*, and the HBO Max series *Winning Time: The Rise of the Lakers Dynasty*; and


WHEREAS, Earthquake’s versatility is further demonstrated by his appearances on VH-1’s *Celebrity Squares* and his featured role in the Jerry Seinfeld film *Unfrosted*, proving his ability to thrive alongside the industry’s most elite creators; and

WHEREAS, despite his massive success on screen, he remains a titan of the live stage, consistently selling out comedy clubs and concert venues across the country and the world; and

WHEREAS, Earthquake continues to exceed expectations and set a gold standard for excellence, authenticity, and perseverance in the world of comedy;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes Mr. Nathaniel Stroman for his decades of laughter-inducing performances, his profound impact on the culture of stand-up comedy, and his continued success as a "Legendary" force in global entertainment.

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Martin Lawrence

WHEREAS, Martin Lawrence, born in Germany and raised in the Washington, D.C. area, has ascended to become one of the most influential figures in the history of global entertainment as a comedian, actor, producer, and director; and

WHEREAS, his early mastery of the craft at the legendary Improv Theatre in New York City led to his breakthrough role in the cinematic masterpiece *Do the Right Thing*, launching a career defined by versatility and star power; and

WHEREAS, Martin Lawrence served as the host of the groundbreaking HBO series *Def Comedy Jam*, a cultural phenomenon that provided a raw, real, and game-changing platform for Black comedians and transformed the landscape of stand-up comedy; and

WHEREAS, his self-titled television series, *Martin*, which aired from 1992 to 1997, became a cornerstone of American pop culture, creating some of the most beloved characters in television history and remains one of the most-watched shows in syndication today; and

WHEREAS, he has anchored some of the most successful film franchises and blockbusters of all time, including the *Bad Boys* series, which has surpassed the billion-dollar mark, alongside hits such as *Big Momma's House*, *Blue Streak*, *Life*, and *A Thin Line Between Love and Hate*; and

WHEREAS, his stand-up concert films, including *You So Crazy* and *Runteldat*, stand as some of the most-watched and culturally significant comedy specials in history, cementing his status as one of the most successful touring comics to ever take the stage; and

WHEREAS, after nearly a decade, he has returned to his roots with the "Y'all Know What It Is" headlining tour, continuing to bring joy, laughter, and a unique comedic perspective to millions of fans around the world;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby commends Mr. Martin Lawrence for his unparalleled contributions to film, television, and stand-up comedy, his role in paving the way for future generations of artists, and his enduring status as a true legend of the industry.

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