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RESOLUTION

Krista Kline

WHEREAS, Krista Kline has devoted nearly twenty years of distinguished public service to the City of Los Angeles, advancing policies rooted in environmental justice, housing access, equitable planning, and community-centered governance, and earning the deep respect and gratitude of colleagues across every level of City Hall; and

WHEREAS, she began her career at City Hall in Council District 14 as Planning Deputy to then-Councilmember Antonio Villaraigosa, where she managed complex land-use and development matters, working to balance growth with community voice, environmental responsibility, and long-term public benefit; and

WHEREAS, she continued that work in the Office of Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa as Urban Planning and Design Coordinator, where she spearheaded the creation and adoption of the City's first Private Sector Green Building Ordinance, advanced the Green Retrofit and Workforce Ordinance, and helped establish multiple Sister River Agreements, positioning Los Angeles as a national leader in climate-forward and environmentally responsible development; and

WHEREAS, through the implementation of Mayor Villaraigosa's Executive Directive #10, "Sustainable Practices in Government," issued July 18, 2007, she worked in partnership with all 49 City departments to develop and adopt Departmental Sustainable Plans that aligned environmental stewardship with economic prosperity, promoting energy and water efficiency, environmentally responsible procurement practices, green building programs, and innovative technology across City operations; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Project Coordinator for the Los Angeles Housing Department, she led the implementation of a department-wide sustainability program, administered \$4.9 million in Energy Efficiency Community Block Grants to expand energy-efficient investments in low-income housing, developed the "Gateway to Green" inspection program to embed environmentally responsible standards across housing initiatives serving hundreds of thousands of Angelenos; and in doing so advanced a more sustainable Los Angeles while ensuring that environmental progress reached working families; and

WHEREAS, in Council District 11, she served as Director of Land Use and Planning, Deputy Chief of Staff, and ultimately Chief of Staff to Councilmember Mike Bonin, becoming a trusted advisor and strategic partner who transformed progressive vision into meaningful policy, ensured that every initiative was carried out with care for the communities it served, and earned the admiration of her colleagues as a mentor, ally, and friend; and

WHEREAS, she later served as Director of Legislative Affairs for Mayor Karen Bass, where she strengthened partnerships between the executive and legislative branches, guided the Mayor's legislative agenda, and built the trust and collaboration necessary to turn a governing vision into real outcomes for Angelenos; and

WHEREAS, she continued her service in Council District 14 as Senior Advisor to Councilmember Ysabel Jurado, helping translate a bold, community-rooted vision into action and has played a central role in advancing initiatives that Angelenos can see and feel in their daily lives, from major improvements to the Sixth Street Bridge to neighborhood streetlight restoration and fortification, advancing a model of government that is responsive, equitable, and powered by the people it serves; and

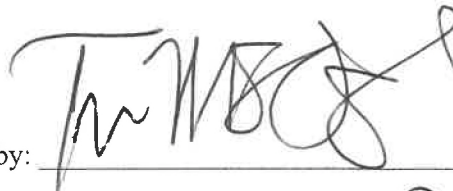


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WHEREAS, throughout her career, Krista Kline has been not only a respected leader, but a generous mentor, trusted colleague, and dear friend to many across City Hall, someone who uplifts those around her, who lives by her own guiding principle that she “learns something new every day,” and who has even been known to turn the complexities of the legislative process into song, reminding all of us that public service is a constant practice of growth, joy, and purpose, inspiring a generation of public servants committed to building a more just, sustainable, and inclusive Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the gratitude and admiration she has earned from colleagues across departments, Council offices, and the Mayor’s Office stand as testament to both her extraordinary work and the integrity with which she has carried it out:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council recognizes and celebrates the extraordinary service of **KRISTA KLINE** and the lasting impact she leaves on the City of Los Angeles, and extends its deepest gratitude and best wishes for her continued success.

Presented by: 
YSABEL JURADO
Councilmember, 14th District

Seconded by: 



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R E S O L U T I O N
SENATOR RICHARD POLANCO

WHEREAS, Senator Richard G. Polanco was born and raised in East Los Angeles, where he experienced firsthand the economic hardship and community challenges that shaped his lifelong commitment to public service; and from a young age, contributed to his family's livelihood through various jobs that instilled in him a strong work ethic and deep connection to working families; and

WHEREAS, his early public service began in the City of Los Angeles as a youth counselor at Casa Maravilla Youth Center and as a community organizer with TELACU in the Maravilla Housing Projects, later serving as Executive Director of the Maravilla Project Area Committee and holding key roles with Los Angeles County Supervisor Ed Edelman, Governor Jerry Brown, and Assembly Member Richard Alatorre; and

WHEREAS, Senator Polanco played a vital role in strengthening community infrastructure and opportunity in Los Angeles, including helping to establish the Arroyo Vista Family Health Center in Highland Park to provide accessible healthcare services to low-income residents, supporting Para Los Niños serving youth from Skid Row, assisting Mujeres Recovery Home, and securing funding for neighborhood improvements such as outdoor lighting at Garfield High School through intergovernmental partnership; and

WHEREAS, he served in the California Legislature from 1986 to 2002, entering the State Senate in 1994 and serving as Senate Majority Leader from 1998 until his retirement, and as Chair of the Latino Legislative Caucus expanded its membership from seven to twenty-four members while mentoring and supporting the election of Latino leaders who would go on to serve communities throughout California, including the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, his leadership strengthened Latino political representation and civic engagement statewide, building a sustainable network of elected officials, public servants, and policy leaders whose work continues to benefit the residents of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, the establishment of the California Latino Caucus Institute for Public Policy created enduring leadership pathways through the Richard G. Polanco Fellowship Program, governance training for newly elected municipal and county officials, and leadership development initiatives cultivating the next generation of public policy advocates; and

WHEREAS, throughout his legislative tenure, Senator Polanco championed landmark public policies advancing civil rights, voting access, educational opportunity, environmental protection, healthcare equity, economic development, and consumer protections; and

WHEREAS, his most notable legislative achievements include authoring the California Voting Rights Act to protect minority voting strength; establishing César Chávez Day as a State Holiday of Service and Learning; creating the California Arts License Plate to fund nonprofit arts organizations; strengthening consumer protections for contracts written in Spanish; enhancing laws against voter intimidation; and

authoring the Polanco Redevelopment Act to promote brownfield remediation and urban revitalization;
and

WHEREAS, Senator Polanco secured significant infrastructure and environmental investments benefiting Los Angeles, including acquisition of the Cornfield rail yard for development as a public state park, funding for the Los Angeles River Center, preservation of the Van de Kamp Bakery site for community college use, authorization and funding for the Gold Line Construction Authority, and advancement of sustainable water policy through the Urban Water Management Planning Act; and


WHEREAS, he championed public health initiatives including mental health managed care reforms, breast cancer treatment funding for uninsured individuals, AIDS awareness and treatment initiatives, and strengthened child protection and public health systems serving vulnerable populations; and

WHEREAS, his legislative record reflects leadership in education, small business development, labor protections, environmental stewardship, and economic opportunity for working families throughout California and the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, over sixteen years in the Legislature, including four years as Senate Majority Leader, Richard G. Polanco demonstrated visionary leadership, coalition-building expertise, and an unwavering commitment to expanding opportunity, equity, and representation for the residents of Los Angeles and the State of California;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby recognizes, honors, and expresses its profound gratitude to Senator Richard G. Polanco for his distinguished legislative career, his transformative contributions to public policy, and his enduring service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles and the State of California, and wishes him continued success in all future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:


EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, First District

SECONDED BY:


All of Council

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