

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, April is “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and Peace Over Violence has declared April 29, 2026, as “Denim Day” in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Denim Day” are intended to draw attention to the fact that sexual violence remains a serious issue in our society; and

WHEREAS, “Sexual Assault Awareness Month” and “Denim Day” were also instituted to call attention to misconceptions and misinformation about sexual violence, and the problem that many in society remain uninformed with respect to issues of sexual harassment, assault, abuse, and rape; and

WHEREAS, harmful attitudes about all forms of sexual violence allow these issues to persist and allow victims/survivors to be re-victimized; and

WHEREAS, sexual harassment is part of a continuum of violence whose damaging effects are felt throughout our culture; and

WHEREAS, every 68 seconds, someone in the United States is sexually assaulted, approximately 1-in-4 women are raped during their lifetime, 1-in-6 men experience sexual abuse and assault, and youth under 18 accounts for about 44% of all reported, at least 25% of women experience sexual harassment in the workplace, about 75% of harassment victims experience retaliation when they report it; and

WHEREAS, with proper education on the matter and comprehensive prevention projects, sexual violence and its unfair and traumatizing effects are preventable; and

WHEREAS, “Denim Day” derives its name from an Italian High Court verdict that argued that because the survivor wore tight jeans, she had to help him remove them, and by removing the jeans it was no longer rape but consensual sex; and

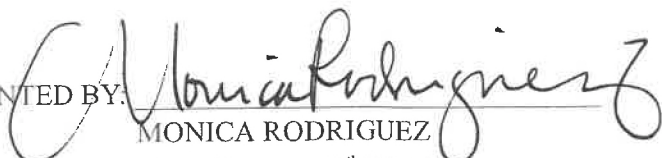
WHEREAS, the members of the Los Angeles City Council support the efforts of Peace Over Violence to educate persons in our community about the true impact of sexual harassment, abuse, assault, and rape in Southern California.

WHEREAS, 2026 represents the 27th Anniversary of the Denim Day Campaign, which began in 1999 by Patti Giggans and Peace Over Violence; and

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council designates April 29, 2026, as “Denim Day,” and urges everyone to wear jeans on that day to help communicate the message that there is “no excuse and never an invitation to harass, abuse, assault, or rape.


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PRESENTED BY: 
MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Professor Derek Asiedu-Akrofi was appointed in November 2024 as the inaugural Honorary Consul of Ghana to Los Angeles, marking a historic milestone in the diplomatic relations between Ghana and the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Professor Asiedu-Akrofi is a distinguished legal scholar and practitioner with over thirty years of expertise in International Law, Immigration Law, and Business and Financial Fraud Law, having provided strategic counsel to governments and corporations across Sub-Saharan Africa, the Caribbean, Asia, and the Former Soviet Republics; and

WHEREAS, he possesses an elite academic pedigree, holding an LLB (Hons) from the University of Benin, Nigeria; an LLM in International Law from the University of British Columbia; and a Doctorate in International Banking and Monetary Law from Columbia University School of Law; and

WHEREAS, his professional tenure includes serving as Legal Counsel at the International Monetary Fund (IMF) in Washington, D.C., where he advised on global trade and investment regimes, drafted essential legal instruments, and analyzed the impact of international trade laws on IMF policy; and

WHEREAS, Professor Asiedu-Akrofi has shared his vast knowledge with the next generation of legal minds, holding prestigious academic appointments at Warwick Business School, Tufts University's Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Boston University School of Law, Loyola Law School, and the University of International Business and Economics in Beijing; and

WHEREAS, as a Course Director and Consultant at the International Law Institute, he facilitated institutional development for senior government officials from over twenty-five nations, ranging from Albania and Greece to Singapore and Mexico; and

WHEREAS, his consultancy work has supported vital international entities, including the United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) in Geneva, the Kuwait Investment Authority, and the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID); and

WHEREAS, prior to his current appointment, he served with distinction as Legal Adviser to the Consulate General of Belize in Los Angeles, navigating complex domestic and international legal issues; and

WHEREAS, as Managing Partner of Akrofi & Akrofi P.L.C., he continues to lead a robust international practice, successfully representing clients in United States Federal Courts and the International Criminal Court in The Hague; and

WHEREAS, since 2002, he has been a tireless advocate for the immigrant community in Los Angeles and throughout the United States, securing legal status for individuals from every corner of the globe and serving as a pillar of support for local non-profit organizations and the New Design Charter School;



NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the City Council hereby commends and congratulates Professor Derek Asiedu-Akrofi on his appointment as Honorary Consul of Ghana and celebrates his lifetime of extraordinary achievement and service to the international community.

PRESENTED BY:


CURREN D. PRICE, JR.

Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

Valentine Schieneman

WHEREAS, Valentine Schieneman earned the rank of Eagle Scout in 2025, after previously earning the Arrow of Light in 2020; and

WHEREAS, throughout his Scouting journey, he demonstrated a strong commitment to leadership, service, and outdoor adventure.; and

WHEREAS, he earned a total of 39 merit badges and was recognized with the Medal of Merit in 2024;

WHEREAS, Valentine began his Scouting experience when he was in first grade as a founding member of Pack 460 at Short Elementary School, where the Pack was the only one chartered on an LAUSD campus; and

WHEREAS, he earned various rank advancements, including awards such as the Horn of Plenty Award, the Grunion Run Award, the Vasquez Rocks Award, and the Old Town Award; and

WHEREAS, Valentine held numerous leadership roles within his troop, including Quartermaster, Scribe, Patrol Leader, Outdoor Ethics Guide, Den Chief, Assistant Senior Patrol Leader, and Senior Patrol Leader; and

WHEREAS, in addition to these roles, he organized and led a \$10,000 Ukraine Neckerchief Drive, demonstrating initiative and the ability to lead impactful service efforts beyond his troop; and


WHEREAS, Valentine's Scouting experience is deeply rooted in outdoor adventure; and

WHEREAS, he has participated in over 100 nights of camping and completed several significant high adventure activities, including a 12-day trek at Philmont Scout Ranch, the Trans-Catalina backpacking trail, and the Death Valley 50-mile cycling expedition; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his Scouting, Valentine has served in a number of leadership roles at Venice High School, where he has been a member of the Superintendent's Student Advisory Council, the District Government Relations Council, and the Venice High School World Languages Council; and

WHEREAS, Valentine's personal statement reflects a strong connection to the values of the Scout Oath and Law, emphasizing leadership, service, and applying lessons learned in Scouting to the broader community; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby honors and congratulates Valentine Schieneman for his commitment to community service and contributions to the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY: 
CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, for 60 years, the UCLA Labor Center has been a trusted partner to California's labor movement. Since 1964, the Center has provided cutting-edge, rapid-response labor research, technical assistance, and expert testimony to California policymakers and stakeholders on critical issues affecting our state's vital industries.

WHEREAS, the James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center has served as a strategic base and safe haven for our labor organizers and immigrant rights activists in Los Angeles.


WHEREAS, in 2021, thanks to a \$15 million state allocation and the support of leaders like California State Senator Maria Elena Durazo, UCLA purchased and rededicated the building in honor of Reverend James Lawson Jr., a civil and worker rights icon who taught labor studies at UCLA for 20 years and whose legacy continues to inspire our Center.

WHEREAS, today, the worker-centered research and school-to-movement pathways prepare the labor and immigrant rights movements' future leaders and build positive narratives of workers and our communities.

WHEREAS, the UCLA Labor Center's MacArthur Park building will remain a cornerstone for working-class Angelenos, with the fight for economic justice still ahead of us.

WHEREAS, the Center's work and space bring together labor organizing, immigrant rights advocacy, and university research that powers progress; the building is a physical representation of our collective power. After closing during the pandemic and for a full renovation from January 2024 to December 2025, the UCLA James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center is now fully open.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City of Los Angeles does hereby commend and congratulate the UCLA James Lawson Jr. Worker Justice Center for its re-opening and continued fight for economic justice.

PRESENTED BY: 
EUNISSES HERNANDEZ
Councilmember, 1st District

SECONDED BY: 
All of Council


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RESOLUTION

Los Angeles Promise Fund

WHEREAS the LA Promise Fund (LAPF) programs reach over 145,000 students across LA County each year; and

WHEREAS through their six programs and the 6th-12th charter school, the LAPF provides students with academic and enrichment opportunities that spark passion, empower leadership, and prepare them for their chosen college and career paths; and

WHEREAS LAPF programs are designed to help educators, parents, and students build their capacity and skills to create positive change at home, at school, and in the Los Angeles community; and

WHEREAS the LAPF began as the “Center for Innovative Education” in 2003, and in 2006, reincorporated as “MLA Partner Schools.” In 2008, MLA Partner Schools became the LAUSD-approved operator of three schools and later changed its name to “LA's Promise”; and

WHEREAS in May 2011, Superintendent John Deasy partnered with philanthropist Megan Chernin to create the Los Angeles Fund for Public Education (LA Fund), dedicated to investing in results-oriented programs designed to ensure that every student in the nation's second-largest school system has the chance to succeed; and

WHEREAS in November 2011, LA's Promise Board of Directors appointed Veronica Melvin as President and CEO; and

WHEREAS in September 2012, LA's Promise launched the Promise Parent College to engage parents in their children's academic and personal success; and

WHEREAS in October 2012, the LA Fund launched ArtsMatter to address the creativity crisis existing in LAUSD, in which only 2% of elementary school instructional time was devoted to the arts; and

WHEREAS in June 2014, the LA Fund launched The Intern Project (TIP), a workforce development program that engages high-profile businesses and provides mentoring, professional development, and paid summer internships for students in public high schools across LA County; and

WHEREAS in September 2015, LA Fund launched GirlsBuild, an initiative to empower girls to address challenges in their homes, schools, and communities. The program kicked off with a special screening of He Named Me Malala with 7,000 girls at the Microsoft Theater; and



WHEREAS in July 2016, LA's Promise and LA Fund joined forces to form “LA Promise Fund,” an organization designed to enrich the academic and career prospects of hundreds of thousands of public-school students throughout Los Angeles County; and

WHEREAS later in 2016, LA Promise Fund received LACOE approval to establish two charter schools; and

WHEREAS in 2020, LA Promise Fund partnered with NBA All-Star Russell Westbrook to reestablish its charter schools as Westbrook Academy, a public middle and high school at two separate sites in Southeast Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS in 2021, LA Promise Fund launched two new programs: Building College Success, an initiative to help students in Los Angeles County succeed in higher education, and Career Pathway Connections, a program designed to help public school students develop their work-readiness skills;

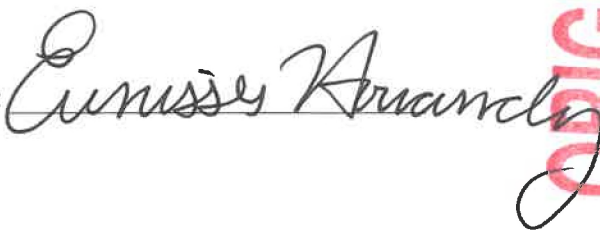
NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles congratulates the LA Promise Fund on 20 years of impact for more than 1 million students, families, and community members across Los Angeles, with a deep and continued focus in South LA. We congratulate LAPF on their commitment to serving the City of Los Angeles and look forward to 20 more years of success.

PRESENTED BY:



Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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