

RESOLUTION

Genevieve Arce

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles proudly recognizes and honors Genevieve Arce, a dedicated public servant, legislative and strategic expert, and an Angeleno whose longstanding commitment to uplifting Council District 9—one of the most historically underserved communities in Los Angeles—has left a lasting and generational impact; and

WHEREAS, as a member of the senior leadership team for CD 9, Genevieve Arce has played a critical role in advancing policies and initiatives that prioritize living wages, empower marginalized communities, expand access to opportunity, and deliver meaningful investments that improve the quality of life for working families; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve Arce's journey began as the daughter of Maria and Pedro Arce, immigrants from the states of Durango and Sinaloa, Mexico, alongside her sisters Wendy and Indira, all first-generation children who navigated learning English and the American school system at an older age; and

WHEREAS, a proud desert girl from Palmdale, California, Genevieve credits her grandmothers, Petra Elenes Valenzuela and Maria Lopez Dias, as her guiding inspirations, instilling in her the resilience and determination that led her to become a first-generation college graduate; and

WHEREAS, she attended California State University, Los Angeles, where she earned a degree in Communications with a minor in Chicana/o Studies; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve discovered her passion for civil service at the age of 10 after attending a May Day rally with her father, whose lived experience as an undocumented worker shaped her understanding of dignity, advocacy, and justice; and

WHEREAS, while in college, she deepened her commitment to access and equity through her work as a Communications and Public Relations Intern, contributing to broadcast, radio, and print media efforts that helped connect record numbers of Californians to affordable health care and critical resources; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve has been one of the longest-serving staff members for Councilmember Curren D. Price, Jr., holding positions including Communications Assistant, Field Deputy, Associate Planning Deputy, Legislative Deputy, and ultimately Legislative Director; and

WHEREAS, through more than a decade of public service, she has brought a breadth of experience both in the field and at City Hall, working across critical issues that impact Angelenos every day, including land use, transportation, public works, health, parks and arts, immigrant affairs, and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, her work has consistently centered the needs of Black and Brown communities through a justice-focused approach, addressing disparities and building strong partnerships with neighborhood councils, community leaders, and nonprofit organizations; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve Arce has served as the lead advisor on the 2028 Olympic and Paralympic Games for District 9—home to the highest concentration of venues citywide, including the LA Memorial


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Coliseum, the Los Angeles Convention Center, and Crypto.com Arena—and represented the office internationally during the 2024 Olympic Games in Paris to assess best practices for Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve provides strategic counsel on complex city budget matters, directs major infrastructure initiatives, and mentors a team of policy staff and fellows, ensuring effective and timely delivery of services; and

WHEREAS, Genevieve will be missed at The New Ninth, and her legacy of compassion, collaboration, service and leadership will continue as she takes the next step in her journey just one floor above at City Hall;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council, on behalf of the residents of the City of Los Angeles, does hereby commend and congratulate Genevieve Arce for her outstanding service and unwavering commitment to Council District 9, South Los Angeles, and the entire City of Los Angeles, and extends its very best wishes as she transitions into her new role as Executive Officer for the Mayor of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:



CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, William “Bill” Ratner, a retired Navy Captain, longtime community volunteer, and current Board Chair of the Canoga Park Community Center Foundation, has dedicated decades of service to strengthening community pride and honoring our nation’s veterans; and

WHEREAS, the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, a grassroots tradition dating back to the early 1980s, has become a defining event in the San Fernando Valley, bringing generations together each year in remembrance of those who served and paid the ultimate sacrifice on behalf of a grateful nation; and

WHEREAS, under Bill Ratner’s leadership, the parade—the only Memorial Day Parade in the City of Los Angeles – has grown into a meaningful tribute that not only honors fallen service members, but also educates future generations through elements such as the portable memorial wall recognizing Canoga Park High School alumni who gave their lives in service, dating back to World War II; and

WHEREAS, Bill Ratner has been the heart and driving force behind this cherished community event, ensuring that Memorial Day remains a time of reflection, remembrance, and unity; and

WHEREAS, this year marks his final year serving as Chair of the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade, concluding a legacy of dedicated leadership and lasting impact;

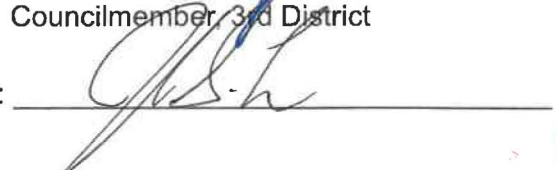
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates William “Bill” Ratner for his exceptional contributions to the Canoga Park Memorial Day Parade and the community at large, and for embodying the very best of our City.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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