

2026 K-EXPO USA Resolution

WHEREAS, 2026 K-EXPO USA is a flagship global platform designed to expand the international reach of Korean content and related industries while supporting Korean companies in entering global markets through collaborative overseas expansion; and

WHEREAS, 2026 K-EXPO USA is officially supported by the Ministry of Culture, Sports and Tourism (MCST) and the Korea Creative Content Agency (KOCCA), and has been held annually in multiple countries since its launch in 2022, steadily building its global presence and impact; and

WHEREAS, the 2026 K-EXPO USA will take place in Los Angeles, bringing together approximately 40 leading Korean companies across content and lifestyle sectors for a dynamic cultural and business program; and

WHEREAS, the event will showcase a diverse range of Korean creative industries, including K-dramas, animation, games, webtoons, AR/VR technologies, as well as beauty and fashion, offering a comprehensive view of Korea's cultural innovation; and

WHEREAS, 2026 K-EXPO USA will feature curated one-on-one business matchmaking sessions connecting Korean companies with North American buyers, partners, and investors, creating meaningful opportunities for international collaboration and economic growth; and

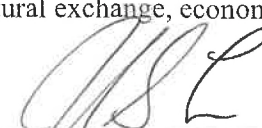
WHEREAS, the event will also include interactive exhibitions and experiential programs for the public, along with a K-POP concert to enhance cultural exchange and community engagement; and

WHEREAS, the exhibition, experiential programs, and K-POP concert will be held from May 23 to May 24, 2026, in the Downtown Los Angeles area, followed by business matchmaking sessions from May 26 to May 27, 2026; and


WHEREAS, 2026 K-EXPO USA contributes to strengthening cultural ties between the Republic of Korea and the City of Los Angeles, while celebrating the diversity and vibrancy of the AANHPI community.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize and commend 2026 K-EXPO USA for its contributions to global cultural exchange, economic collaboration, and the enrichment of the cultural landscape of the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY


JOHN S. LEE
Councilmember, 12th District

SECONDED BY


ORIGINAL


MAY 5 2026

RESOLUTION

Abraham Cohen

WHEREAS, Maccabee Los Angeles Soccer Club was a team that competed professionally in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League; and

WHEREAS, Maccabee LA is notable for reaching the US Open Cup final seven times in its eleven-year history, becoming one of only two teams to win the competition five times; and

WHEREAS, the team was formed by a group of Holocaust survivors and Israeli expatriates to serve as a recreational Sunday soccer team and began playing competitively in 1971; and

WHEREAS, while the team used the Star of David and other Jewish symbols, the team was uniquely inclusive and players came from various countries and many of them were not Jewish; and

WHEREAS, Maccabee LA won the Triple Crown twice in 1977 and 1978 by winning the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, California State Cup and the US Open Cup; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Abraham Cohen during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Midfielder. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Abraham's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD

Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



ORIGINAL



MAY 5 2026

RESOLUTION

Eli Marmur

WHEREAS, Eli Marmur was born and raised in Israel where he played for the national youth soccer team and the national premier league team, HaKoach Maccabi, winning two championships and one national cup; and

WHEREAS, in 1967, Eli came to San Francisco to study physical therapy and later helped the local Jewish soccer team climb to the first division in the North American Soccer League; and

WHEREAS, in 1970, Eli moved to Los Angeles to study at USC, completing his master's degree in Physical Therapy, and played 11 years for Maccabee Los Angeles Soccer Club; winning multiple local and national championships; and

WHEREAS, Maccabee LA is notable for reaching the US Open Cup final seven times in its eleven-year history, becoming one of only two teams to win the competition five times; and

WHEREAS, in 1973, he captained the Maccabi USA soccer team at the Maccabiah Games that occur every four years in Israel; and

WHEREAS, after retirement, Eli founded a Maccabi youth league that brought together thousands of children to participate in soccer, basketball, baseball, and other sports, laying the foundation for what later became the JCC Maccabi Games, a popular international tournament for young athletes from Jewish communities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Eli was inducted into the Maccabi World Union Hall of Fame in 2009 and is known in LA as "Mr. Maccabi."; and

WHEREAS Eli is the founder and owner of E.M. Therapeutics and has been in private practice for more than 30 years and specializes in the rehabilitation of Orthopedic disorders and sports injuries:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Eli Marmur during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, the Maccabi Games and playing Jewish values forward. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Eli's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District


MAY 5 2026

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SECONDED BY: Katy Gaudin

RESOLUTION

Benny Binstock

WHEREAS, Maccabee Los Angeles Soccer Club was a team that competed professionally in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League; and

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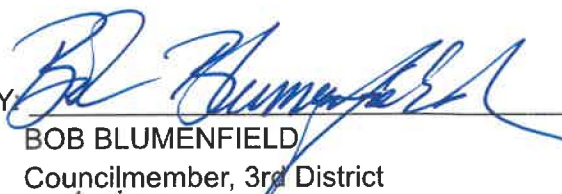
WHEREAS, the team was formed by a group of Holocaust survivors and Israeli expatriates to serve as a recreational Sunday soccer team and began playing competitively in 1971; and

WHEREAS, while the team used the Star of David and other Jewish symbols, the team was uniquely inclusive and players came from various countries and many of them were not Jewish; and

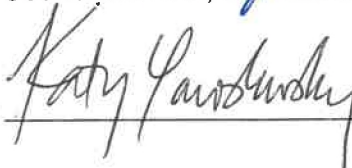
WHEREAS, Maccabee LA won the Triple Crown twice in 1977 and 1978 by winning the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, California State Cup and the US Open Cup; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Benny Binstock during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Forward. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Benny's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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MAY 5 2026

RESOLUTION

Pini Ben-Zaken

WHEREAS, Maccabee Los Angeles Soccer Club was a team that competed professionally in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League; and

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WHEREAS, Maccabee LA won the Triple Crown twice in 1977 and 1978 by winning the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, California State Cup and the US Open Cup; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Pini Ben-Zaken during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Defender. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Pini's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

Chaim Gonshore

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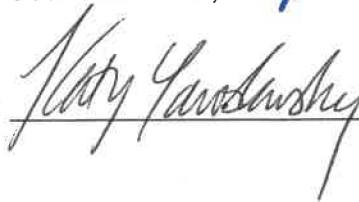
WHEREAS, Maccabee LA won the Triple Crown twice in 1977 and 1978 by winning the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, California State Cup and the US Open Cup; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Chaim Gonshore during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Forward. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Chaim's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.


PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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RESOLUTION

Moshe Hoftman

WHEREAS, Maccabee Los Angeles Soccer Club was a team that competed professionally in the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League; and

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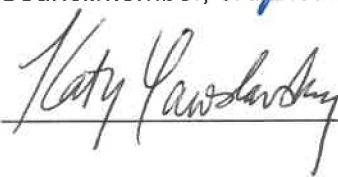
WHEREAS, Maccabee LA won the Triple Crown twice in 1977 and 1978 by winning the Greater Los Angeles Soccer League, California State Cup and the US Open Cup; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Moshe Hoftman during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Center Half. In celebrating Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Moshe's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of Jewish Americans who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:


BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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MAY 5 2026

RESOLUTION

Eric Braeden

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby honors and celebrates Eric Braeden during Jewish American Heritage Month 2026 for his exceptional contributions to the sport of soccer, Maccabee LA and playing sportsmanship forward as a Right Fullback. In celebrating the inclusive legacy of The Maccabee LA Team today, during Jewish American Heritage Month, we not only acknowledge Eric's achievements, but also reaffirm our dedication to honoring the rich history, resilience, and diverse contributions of all Angelenos who continue to strengthen and inspire our city, country, and world.

PRESENTED BY:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

SECONDED BY:



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