

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles honors Wallis Huberta Annenberg, one of its most consequential philanthropists and a champion of the arts, education, journalism, animal welfare, conservation, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg was born on July 15, 1939, in Philadelphia and made Los Angeles the home and focus of her life's work; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg led the Annenberg Foundation, continuing the work her father, Walter Annenberg, began in founding it in 1989; and

WHEREAS, the Foundation gave more than \$5 billion to over 2,700 organizations, with deep and sustained investment in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg served for years on the boards of the Los Angeles County Museum of Art and the Museum of Contemporary Art, and in 2002 the Annenberg Foundation endowed LACMA's director position; and

WHEREAS, the Annenberg Foundation's grant supported the Wallis Annenberg Building at the California Science Center in Exposition Park in 2004; and

WHEREAS, committed to making culture accessible to all, Wallis Annenberg founded the free Annenberg Space for Photography, open in Century City from 2009 to 2020; and

WHEREAS, the Annenberg Foundation's lead gift created Wallis Annenberg Hall at the University of Southern California in 2010, built to model a 21st-century media environment; and

WHEREAS, the Annenberg Foundation supported the creation of the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts in Beverly Hills in 2013, expanding access to theater, film, dance, and music; and

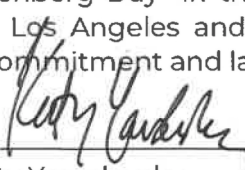
WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg championed conservation through the Annenberg Wildlife Crossing, set to open in 2026 as the world's largest wildlife crossing, reconnecting habitat in the Santa Monica Mountains; and

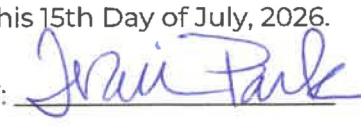
WHEREAS, President Biden awarded Wallis Annenberg the 2022 National Humanities Medal for her lifelong service; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg passed away on July 28, 2025, at her home in Los Angeles, leaving a legacy of generosity, imagination, and service to the city she loved; and

WHEREAS, Lauren Bon, Gregory Annenberg Weingarten, and Charles Annenberg Weingarten now serve as co-chairs of the Annenberg Foundation, continuing meaningful work in honor of their mother, Wallis Annenberg;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares July 15th "Wallis Annenberg Day" in the City of Los Angeles in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to Los Angeles and its people, and expresses its deepest gratitude for her lifetime of civic commitment and lasting service. Dated this 15th Day of July, 2026.

PRESENTED BY: 
Katy Yaroslavsky
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY: 



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WHEREAS, today the City of Los Angeles honors Wallis Huberta Annenberg, one of Los Angeles' most consequential philanthropists and a devoted champion of the arts, education, journalism, animal welfare, conservation, and civic life; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg was born on July 15, 1939, in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania, and made Los Angeles her home and the focus of her life's work; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg led the Annenberg Foundation as chair, president, and chief executive, continuing the work her father, Walter Annenberg, began when he founded the Foundation in 1989; and

WHEREAS, under her leadership, the Annenberg Foundation gave more than \$5 billion to more than 2,700 organizations, with deep and sustained investment in Los Angeles communities; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg helped create the Wallis Annenberg Center for the Performing Arts, which opened in Beverly Hills in 2013 after a \$25 million grant from the Annenberg Foundation and expanded access to theater, film, dance, and music; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg opened Wallis Annenberg GenSpace in Koreatown in 2022, giving older Angelenos a place to take classes, attend concerts and dances, build community, and pursue new interests; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg supported landmark conservation projects, including the Wallis Annenberg Wildlife Crossing in Agoura Hills, which will help protect local wildlife and restore a critical habitat connection in the Santa Monica Mountains; and

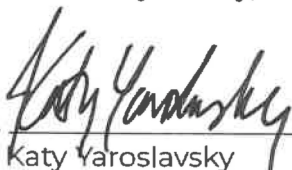
WHEREAS, after the Palisades and Eaton wildfires earlier this year, the Annenberg Foundation supported recovery efforts, including funding for the Los Angeles Fire Department Foundation and other organizations helping communities rebuild; and

WHEREAS, President Biden awarded Wallis Annenberg the 2022 National Humanities Medal in recognition of her lifelong service; and

WHEREAS, Wallis Annenberg passed away on July 28, 2025, at her home in Los Angeles, leaving a legacy rooted in generosity, imagination, and service to the city she loved;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby declare July 15th "Wallis Annenberg Day" in the City of Los Angeles in recognition of her extraordinary contributions to Los Angeles and its people. The Mayor and the City Council of the City of Los Angeles express their deepest gratitude to Wallis Annenberg for a lifetime of civic commitment and lasting service. Dated this 15th Day of July, 2026.

PRESENTED BY:


Katy Yaroslavy
Councilwoman, 5th District

SECONDED BY:



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WHEREAS, Verdugo Hills High School was established in 1937 and serves the Northeast San Fernando Valley community, providing a foundation for academic and athletic achievement for generations of students; and

WHEREAS, Verdugo Hills High School has produced extraordinary alumni, including athletes such as Major League Baseball Most Valuable Player, Giancarlo Stanton, actors, and entertainers who have made a profound impact on their respective industries; and

WHEREAS, the Verdugo Hills High School Baseball team, known as the Dons, completed an extraordinary 2026 season characterized by unwavering discipline, exceptional teamwork, and a relentless pursuit of excellence; and

WHEREAS, the Verdugo Hills High School Baseball team's season culminated in winning the California Interscholastic Federation (CIF) Los Angeles City Section Division I Championship, a title secured with a 3-1 victory over Taft High School; and

WHEREAS, the No. 13 seed Dons completed a storybook postseason run, behind a dominant 1-hit performance by pitcher Anthony Velasquez in the championship game at Dodger Stadium; and

WHEREAS, the championship game showcased not only elite pitching but also flawless defensive plays and timely, clutch hitting that defined the Dons' championship performance; and

WHEREAS, under the leadership of Varsity Head Coach Angel Espindola and his dedicated coaching staff, the Dons achieved their first city championship since 2018; and

WHEREAS, the season is extra special as Coach Espindola was named the LA Daily News' Coach of the Year; and

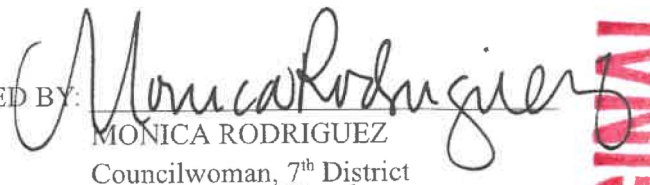
WHEREAS, the Dons demonstrated immense resilience and a refusal to back down throughout the year, overcoming adversity to peak at the perfect moment and embody the true spirit of an underdog contender;

WHEREAS, this 2026 championship is a remarkable accomplishment that serves as a testament to the hard work, rigorous training, and strong academic performance of each student-athlete; and

WHEREAS, such success was made possible through the support of the Northeast San Fernando Valley community, including coaches, teachers, and families;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Los Angeles commends and congratulates the 2026 Verdugo Hills High School Baseball team for their City Section Division I championship, and for upholding the continued tradition of athletic excellence for the Verdugo Hills High School community.

PRESENTED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:




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