

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTION

Thom Davis

Retirement

WHEREAS, Thom Davis joined the International Alliance of Theatrical Stage Employees (IATSE) over 49 years ago and is retiring after five decades of dedicated service to his union, to the labor movement, and to the cause of justice and dignity for working people everywhere; and

WHEREAS, Thom Davis began his career in the entertainment industry when he joined IATSE Local 80 in 1977, working on motion pictures and television productions at many of Hollywood's major studios, thereby contributing to the success of an industry that remains a cornerstone of Los Angeles' economy and cultural identity; and

WHEREAS, driven by a lifelong commitment to social justice and worker advocacy, Thom Davis sought leadership within his union and was elected to the Executive Board of IATSE Local 80 in 1984; and

WHEREAS, Thom Davis was elected Vice President of the union in 1992, serving in that capacity until 1998 and helping strengthen representation and opportunities for workers throughout the entertainment industry; and

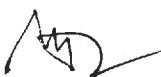
WHEREAS, Thom Davis was overwhelmingly elected Business Representative of IATSE Local 80 in 1998, a position he has held with distinction for more than two decades, providing steady leadership, protecting good-paying union jobs, and ensuring that Local 80 members remain among the most highly trained and respected craftspeople in the world; and

WHEREAS, under his leadership, IATSE Local 80 expanded opportunities for workers, elevated industry standards, and helped ensure that the entertainment workforce remained among the most highly trained, skilled, and respected in the world; and

WHEREAS, Thom Davis's influence extended far beyond his local union through his distinguished service as an International Vice President of IATSE, President of the California IATSE Council, Chair of the Los Angeles County Federation of Labor, member of the Executive Board of the California AFL-CIO, and in numerous other leadership roles dedicated to advancing the interests of working families; and

WHEREAS, Thom Davis has also played an important role in shaping the future of California's entertainment industry through his service on the Board of the California Film Commission and as a Trustee of the Motion Picture Industry Pension and Health Plans; and

WHEREAS, throughout his distinguished career, Thom Davis worked tirelessly to strengthen the labor movement, promote economic opportunity, foster workforce development, support labor-management partnerships, and advocate for policies that uplift workers across Los Angeles, California, and the nation; and



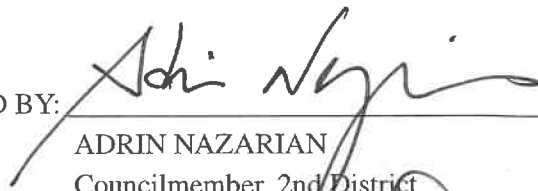
WHEREAS, beyond his many accomplishments, Thom Davis is widely respected as a mentor, consensus-builder, and trusted leader whose dedication to fairness, dignity, and opportunity has inspired generations of workers, labor advocates, and community leaders; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles has benefited immeasurably from Thom Davis's leadership and dedication, which have helped preserve and strengthen the world-class entertainment industry that serves as a cornerstone of the City's economy, culture, and identity; and

WHEREAS, as Business Representative of IATSE 80, Thom Davis is one of the longest-serving and most influential labor leaders in Hollywood, he leaves an enduring legacy that will continue to benefit the City of Los Angeles and its residents for years to come;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby recognizes, honors, and commends Thom Davis for his 50 years of service, leadership, and advocacy on behalf of working people, and extends its deepest gratitude and appreciation for his countless contributions to the entertainment industry, the labor movement, and the City of Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles congratulates Thom Davis on his well-earned retirement and wishes him continued happiness, health, and fulfillment in the years ahead.

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