

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas has dedicated nearly 40 years of exemplary service to advancing educational equity, bilingual education, and transformative opportunities for multilingual learners across the City of Los Angeles, the State of California, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas, for over 19 years, has served with distinction as the Director of the Center for Equity for English Learners (CEEL) at Loyola Marymount University, successfully building CEEL into a nationally recognized powerhouse for research, policy, and educational practice; and

WHEREAS, throughout her distinguished career, Dr. Armas has successfully led and supported major state, federal, and foundation-funded initiatives totaling millions of dollars; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas' efforts effectively expanded vital pathways for bilingual educators and strengthened systems that serve Multilingual Learner students and their families; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas has co-authored highly influential research and policy work on bilingual teacher preparation, dual language education, literacy development, and the implementation of California's English Learner Roadmap, thereby shaping educational practice and policy statewide; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas is a highly recognized scholar and practitioner whose extensive body of publications and practitioner resources has fundamentally advanced the field of equity-centered practices for Multilingual Learner students; and

WHEREAS, having begun her journey as a dedicated bilingual classroom teacher within the Los Angeles Unified School District, Dr. Armas has remained deeply committed to mentoring the next generation of educators, building cross-sector partnerships, and advocating fiercely for the community; and

WHEREAS, Dr. Elvira G. Armas' unwavering dedication has directly empowered thousands of Los Angeles educators with the tools, strategies, and culturally responsive practices necessary to foster inclusive and thriving classrooms; and

WHEREAS, her visionary leadership serves as an inspiring blueprint for educational excellence, demonstrating how collaborative research and community-focused advocacy can break down systemic barriers for diverse student populations;

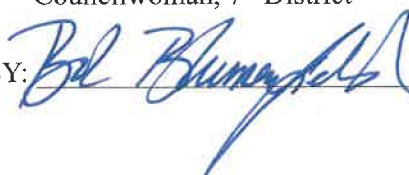
WHEREAS, through her scholarship, leadership, and tireless service, Dr. Armas has made a profound and lasting impact on students, families, educators, and communities, leaving an enduring legacy of advocacy, innovation, and opportunity;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby commend and congratulate Dr. Elvira G. Armas for her nearly four decades of extraordinary contributions to education and equity, and extends its deepest gratitude for her enduring legacy of service to the children and families of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


FOR MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District

SECONDED BY:



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