

RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh is an internationally acclaimed singer, actor, and cultural ambassador, who has achieved extraordinary success and made a profound global impact through his artistry, authenticity, and dedication to his roots; and

WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh is a pioneering force in the Punjabi and South Asian music industries, whose innovative fusion of traditional Punjabi music with modern hip-hop, pop, and global sounds has made an enduring mark on the international music landscape; and

WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh achieved historic milestones as the first Punjabi artist to perform at the Coachella Valley Music and Arts Festival, and the first to sell out major stadiums worldwide, effectively breaking barriers for South Asian artists and bringing Punjabi culture to the mainstream global stage; and

WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh is best known for record-breaking hits such as "Proper Patola," "Do You Know," "G.O.A.T.," and "Lover," songs that continue to resonate with a massive, devoted fan base around the world; and

WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh's unparalleled success in both music and cinema has instilled immense pride within the Punjabi and Sikh communities, serving as a powerful inspiration for young people pursuing their dreams in entertainment and the arts; and

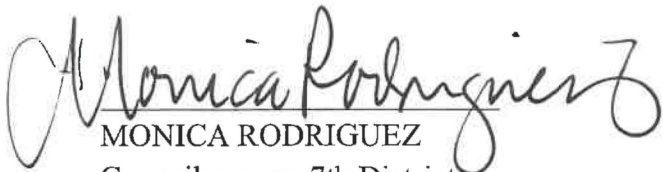
WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh continues to elevate his culture on the world stage, demonstrating an enduring legacy of artistic excellence, humility, and cultural representation that deeply resonates with the diverse communities of the City of Los Angeles; and

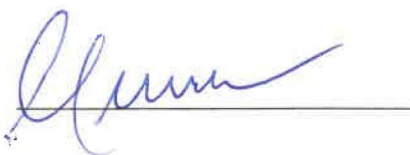
WHEREAS, Diljit Dosanjh will bring his "Aura World Tour" to the City of Los Angeles on June 18, 2026:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares June 18, 2026, as "Diljit Dosanjh Day" in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:

SECONDED BY:


MONICA RODRIGUEZ
Councilwoman, 7th District




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WHEREAS, The Right Reverend Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, Sr. was born on April 8, 1942, to Reverend Hezekiah E. Kirkland of Ozark, Alabama, and Gladys Derrico Kirkland of Atlanta, Georgia, a family rooted in faith, education, and itinerant ministry in the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kirkland completed his early and high school education in the Birmingham Public Schools, attended Miles College, and transferred to Alcorn Agricultural & Mechanical College (now Alcorn State University) in Lorman, Mississippi, on a Football Scholarship, where he earned a Bachelor of Science Degree in Sociology with a minor in Physical Education; and

WHEREAS, He preached his Trial Sermon at the age of 17 and was ordained shortly thereafter, beginning a lifetime of ministry that would touch tens of thousands of lives across the United States and throughout the African continent; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kirkland pastored Watson Chapel in Port Gibson and Phillips Chapel in Lorman, Mississippi, before going on to serve Oak Grove AME Church in Kentwood, Louisiana, and Turner Chapel AME Church in Greenwood, Mississippi, where he launched a weekly radio ministry that drew young people from Mississippi Valley State University and surrounding communities; and

WHEREAS, In 1977, Reverend Theodore Larry Kirkland, Sr. was appointed by Bishop H.H. Brookins to Brookins AME Church in Los Angeles, California, a newly planted mission church with no members, and through fervent prayer, door-to-door witnessing, and tireless community engagement, built what became known as "The Fastest Growing Church in Los Angeles"; and

WHEREAS, Under his twenty-year pastoral leadership, Brookins Community AME Church (now Brookins-Kirkland Community AME Church) fed thousands of Los Angeles residents weekly, expanded to a second location, and welcomed more than eight thousand souls to Christ, establishing a powerful spiritual and social presence across Los Angeles and the entire West Coast; and

WHEREAS, Reverend Kirkland was affectionately known as "The Down-Home Preacher with the Uptown Message," reaching beyond denominational boundaries to serve all people as children of God deserving of the same redemptive grace; and

WHEREAS, In 1996, after twenty years of transformative pastoral ministry, he was elevated to the Episcopacy, becoming the One Hundred and Fourteenth (114th) Elected and Consecrated Bishop of the African Methodist Episcopal Church; and

WHEREAS, As a Bishop, he served as Presiding Prelate of the 17th Episcopal District (encompassing Zaire, Zambia, Tanzania, Rwanda, Burundi, Malawi, and Zimbabwe), the Notable Ninth District (Alabama), and the 5th Episcopal District (spanning Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Kansas, Missouri, Montana, Nebraska, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming); and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kirkland served as Chief Ecumenical Officer of the AME Church, using his gifts of preaching and teaching to foster unity across the body of Christ, and established a

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state-of-the-art health clinic in the 9th District to provide healthcare to underserved communities in the Birmingham, Alabama, area; and

WHEREAS, He was privileged to stand at historic moments of American public life: offering prayer at the inauguration of Vice President Kamala Harris as she was sworn in as Attorney General of the State of California; introducing then-Senator Barack H. Obama to the nation on C-SPAN as he sought the Presidency of the United States; and delivering the eulogy of civil rights icon Rosa Parks; and

WHEREAS, Bishop Kirkland is survived by his loving wife of 60 years, Supervisor Mary Kirkland; their three children, Mikita Kirkland Robinson (Hon. Carroll G. Robinson), Deidra Kirkland Vaughn (Rev. Harvey L. Vaughn III), and Theodore L. Kirkland II; one grandson, Kirkland E.A. Robinson; a bonus daughter, Sharon Singer Burgmon (W. Anthony Burgmon); his brother Nathaniel Kirkland (Sandra Kirkland); and a host of nephews, nieces, cousins, and beloved friends:

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council and Mayor express their deepest condolences to the family of Bishop Theodore Larry Kirkland, Sr., and honor his extraordinary legacy of faith, service, and community leadership spanning more than six decades. The Los Angeles City Council recognizes his service to God as an enduring testament to what faith, determination, and love can accomplish.

PRESENTED BY: _____

MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember, 8th District

SECONDED BY: _____

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