

COMMENDATORY RESOLUTION

Dariush Eghbali

WHEREAS, Dariush Eghbali is one of the most influential and celebrated voices in contemporary Iranian music, whose extraordinary career as a singer, composer, actor, humanitarian, and social activist has spanned more than four decades; and

WHEREAS, Dariush Eghbali was born on February 4, 1951, in Tehran, Iran, and first gained national recognition for his exceptional musical talent at a young age, rising to prominence at the age of 20 with his landmark performance of “Do Not Tell Me You Love Me,” helping to usher in a new era of contemporary Iranian music through his distinctive style and artistic vision; and

WHEREAS, throughout his remarkable career, Dariush has recorded more than 200 songs across 30 albums, creating a body of work that has inspired generations through themes of love, hope, peace, freedom, justice, and human dignity, while collaborating with many of Iran’s most acclaimed poets, lyricists, composers, and musicians; and

WHEREAS, Dariush has courageously used his artistic platform to advocate for social justice, civil liberties, and human rights, enduring imprisonment and persecution in Iran because of his steadfast commitment to freedom of expression and his unwavering dedication to giving voice to the aspirations of the Iranian people; and

WHEREAS, his humanitarian leadership has extended well beyond the stage through the establishment of the Ayeneh Foundation and Ayeneh Media, the creation of educational programming and public awareness initiatives addressing addiction recovery and mental health, and his longstanding support of organizations dedicated to human rights, recovery, and community empowerment, including his service as a member of Amnesty International; and

WHEREAS, Dariush has performed before sold-out audiences across the globe at many of the world’s most distinguished venues, including the Greek Theatre, Universal Amphitheatre, and Microsoft Theater in Los Angeles; Carnegie Hall in New York; the Kennedy Center in Washington, D.C.; Wembley and the Eventim Apollo in London; and numerous other renowned concert halls, bringing Iranian music and culture to audiences around the world; and

WHEREAS, in addition to his acclaimed musical career, Dariush has earned recognition as an accomplished actor, while his humanitarian efforts have been honored with numerous awards, including the Ron Simmons & Rev. Ronald L. Wright Award for outstanding contributions to addiction recovery support, the Human Rights Champion Award from Youth for Human Rights, the Iranian Canadian Congress Achievement Award, and recognition from the Iranian student communities at UCLA and California State University, Northridge; and


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WHEREAS, through his enduring commitment to compassion, unity, knowledge, and justice, Dariush has become an international symbol of hope for millions, inspiring generations to pursue freedom, equality, and the betterment of humanity through the transformative power of art and service;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and honors Dariush Eghbali for his extraordinary artistic achievements, unwavering humanitarian leadership, steadfast advocacy for human rights and freedom, and his immeasurable contributions to Iranian culture and the global community, and extends its sincere appreciation and best wishes for his continued success and enduring legacy.

PRESENTED BY: _____

ADRIN NAZARIAN

Councilmember, 2nd District

SECONDED BY: _____

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Resolution

Martin M. Cooper

WHEREAS, The 'Reel' Hollywood: The San Fernando Valley is the first book to provide a comprehensive history of motion picture filmmaking in the San Fernando Valley; and

WHEREAS, the San Fernando Valley has served as a motion picture filming location since 1910, when D.W. Griffith filmed Over Silent Paths near Mission San Fernando; and

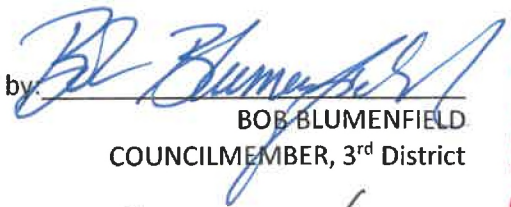
WHEREAS, the San Fernando Valley is home to more major film studios, production companies, and related businesses—and employs more individuals connected to the motion picture industry—than any other region, making the industry a significant contributor to the local economy; and

WHEREAS, all proceeds from the sale of The 'Reel' Hollywood: The San Fernando Valley benefit the literacy programs of the Boys & Girls Club of the West Valley; and

WHEREAS, Martin Cooper, author of The 'Reel' Hollywood: The San Fernando Valley, is an award-winning author and respected community leader; and

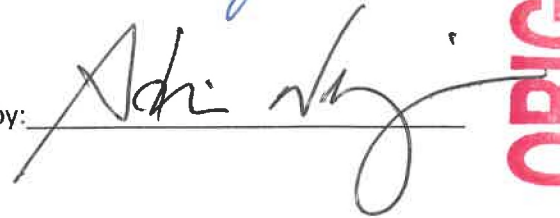
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulates Martin Cooper on the publication of The 'Reel' Hollywood: The San Fernando Valley and commends him for preserving the rich cinematic history of the San Fernando Valley while supporting literacy programs that benefit the community.

Presented by:



BOB BLUMENFIELD
COUNCILMEMBER, 3rd District

Seconded by:



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