RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Minyeong "Min" Chen retired on May 3, 2026 from the Los Angeles City Controller's Office after 39 years of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Min was widely recognized as the guardian of the City's accounts and the rules of City accounting, with mastery of Government Accounting and the fund provisions of the City Charter and Administrative Code, and

WHEREAS, when the City implemented the first Financial Management Information System (FMIS), Min used his knowledge of City Funds and the appropriations process to provide subject matter expertise and test the system for compliance and delivered a perfectly balanced year end closing in the first year with FMIS, and

WHEREAS, Min faced down numerous challenges closing the City's books at year end particularly when the City implemented new financial systems like FMS or systems that interface with the City's main financial system like the Supply Management System and the Human Resource and Payroll System, and he successfully resolved problems that arose, and

WHEREAS, Min worked with and imparted his knowledge of complex fund and grant accounting requirements to Department accounting staff and executives, training a generation of Controller staff as well as staff across all City Departments, and

WHEREAS, even though Min always made himself available to assist Departments and colleagues, he expected you to come prepared for his questions and, more often than not, made you think; and

WHEREAS, for many years Min was the go-to person for staff in the Office of the City Administrative Officer when they needed to solve problems related to complex accounting transactions and implementing budgets;

WHEREAS, Min's training will live on for future CAO generations with the mantra "What would Min do?";

WHEREAS, Min's exemplary dedication, unmatched experience and kindness are highly valued and have earned him the esteem and gratitude of his colleagues, executives and staff across the Controller's Office and City Departments;

Now, Therefore be it resolved, by adoption of this Resolution, that the Mayor and City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby salute Minyeong Chen, Financial Management Specialist V for his 39 years of loyal, dedicated and unparalleled service to the City of Los Angeles and the City Controller's Office and congratulate him on his extensive professional accomplishments and extend the best wishes for his retirement.

PRESENTED BY: Eunisses Hernandez
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Councilmember, 1st District

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RESOLUTION
Jaime "RareBreed" Gregory

WHEREAS, Jaime Roberto Gregory was born on July 17, 1975, in Boston, Massachusetts, to James Robert Gregory, Jr. and Ana Maria Cordova Gregory. He spent his early childhood in Dorchester, Massachusetts, where he attended school until 1985, when his mother moved Jaime and his two sisters to Los Angeles, California; and

WHEREAS, after relocating to Los Angeles, Jaime attended 109th Street Elementary School, and later Samuel Gompers Middle School. He went on to attend Alain LeRoy Locke High School, where he graduated in 1993; and

WHEREAS, for years Jaime was involved in gang activity, and for nearly a decade, he found himself going in and out of jail. His life took a turning point when he was released from prison on April 9, 2009. From that day forward, Jaime made a conscious decision to change the direction of his life. He dedicated himself to taking responsibility for the harm he had caused and doing what he could to help heal and strengthen his community; and

WHEREAS, Jaime wore many hats throughout his life: construction worker, community leader, peace advocate, and activist. Each role reflected a different part of who he was and the many ways he served others. He received extensive training in conflict resolution, trauma and grief management, nonviolent conflict response, installation, and much more. He understood that every "hat" he wore carried its own responsibilities, and he pursued education and training to continually strengthen his ability to fulfill each role with knowledge, skill, and purpose. He went to school not simply to earn credentials, but to perfect whatever "hat" he was wearing at any given time; and

WHEREAS, often referred to as "RareBreed," Jaime understood the psychology of violence prevention. He wanted to use his experiences to help others avoid the path he had taken and to bring peace to the community. He devoted himself to becoming a voice for peace, learning conflict resolution, working with people experiencing trauma and grief, and advocating for nonviolent ways of responding to conflict; and

WHEREAS, Jaime became a well-known and respected figure through his work with multiple organizations and his unwavering commitment to the community. He played a key role in the Southern California Peace Rides, helping bring together classic car culture and community members in a shared stand against violence. The Peace Rides created spaces where people could come together, connect and begin to heal, and Jaime was a constant and trusted presence; and

WHEREAS, Jaime also served as a navigator with Veterans of America and the San Pedro Recovery Alliance. Throughout the One-Five, he met people where they were– whether they needed help accessing resources, support navigating conflict, assistance through difficult circumstances, or simply someone willing to sit down and listen. Jaime

was persistently present, offering compassion, guidance and a reminder that no one had to face their struggles along; and

WHEREAS, sadly, Jaime passed away due to medical complications. Although his life was cut short, the impact of his work will continue to live on in the neighborhoods he served, the organizations he supported, and the countless people whose lives he touched and advocated for. His legacy is one of transformation, service, perseverance, and an enduring commitment to peace:

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council does hereby recognize JAIME "RAREBREED" GREGORY for his life's work, dedication, service, and unwavering commitment to fostering peace and creating positive change within his community.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the City of Los Angeles honors Jaime's journey from adversity to advocacy and recognizes the lasting example he leaves behind: that change is possible, that communities can heal, and that one person's decision to make a difference can inspire countless others to do the same. May he rest in peace and power.

PRESENTED BY: _____
TIM McOSKER
Councilmember, 15th District

SECONDED BY: _____
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