

MOTION

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Francisco Morazán, born October 3, 1792, was a liberal Central American politician and general who served as president of the Federal Republic of Central America from 1830 to 1839. Prior to becoming president of the Federal Republic of Central America, he served as the head of state of Honduras. He rose to prominence at the Battle of La Trinidad on November 11, 1827. Morazán then dominated the political and military scene of Central America until his execution on September 15, 1842.

Francisco Morazán was recognized as a visionary and great thinker, attributed to his endeavor to transform Central America into a singular progressive nation. He enacted liberal reforms in the new Federal Republic of Central America, including freedom of the press, freedom of speech and freedom of religion.

Francisco Morazán held power until 1837, when the Federal Republic became irrevocably fractured. His opponents exploited this vulnerability, rallying to protect their own interests by dividing Central America into five nations: Costa Rica, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, and El Salvador.

On July 13, 2011, the Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners approved Board Report No. 11-208, which granted approval for their parcel to become the Francisco Morazan Central American Community Square located at West 8th Street and Valencia Street in Council District 1.

According to the 2020 US Census, there are nearly 1 million Central Americans in Los Angeles County, 600,000 of whom reside within City limits. This community continues to play a critical role in shaping the cultural, social, and the economic landscape of Los Angeles, and especially in the neighborhoods of Westlake, MacArthur Park, and Pico Union.

The City of Los Angeles recognizes and honors the large and significant presence of Central Americans and their contributions to our economic, social, and cultural fabric.

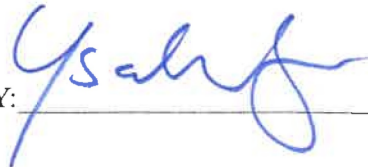
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Department of Transportation to fabricate and install a permanent ceremonial sign designating the intersection of W. 8th St and Valencia St in Westlake as “Francisco Morazan Central American Community Square.”

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council AUTHORIZE the Department of Transportation to make technical corrections or clarifications to effectuate the intent of this motion.

PRESENTED BY:


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SECONDED BY:




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