

MOTION

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REGULAR COUNCIL AGENDA TO BE POSTED

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Alicia Vann Brown was born in 1927 in San Antonio, Texas, and died on January 5, 2014. As a teenager, she moved with her family to Solano Canyon, where she built a life defined by civic leadership and an unwavering commitment to justice in the City of Los Angeles.

Mrs. Brown’s worldview was shaped by witnessing firsthand the mass deportation of hard-working immigrants in Elysian Park, the transformation of the Arroyo Seco Parkway into the 110 Freeway, and the displacement of families in the Chávez Ravine to build what would become the Dodgers Stadium. She stood firm against capitalist greed and the destruction of the neighborhood, protecting the children and elders of her community, and defending Palo Verde Elementary as families fought to preserve the land they called home.


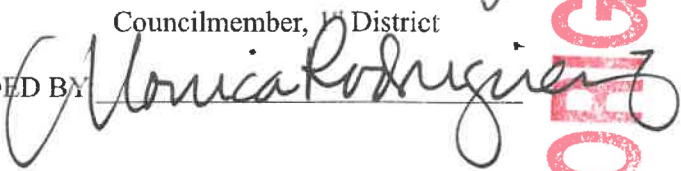
Mrs. Brown was known as a woman of broad moral conviction and deep commitment to family, faith, community, and country. She experienced first-hand the vagaries and vicissitudes of society during a time when opportunities were limited. The City of Los Angeles welcomed all people, particularly those arriving from other places.

Mrs. Brown played a fundamental role in restoring integrity and educating the community about Los Angeles history, particularly her beloved Solano Canyon community. She worked tirelessly to protect the Elysian Park hills and public lands, advocating for local community gardens, park recreation centers, and public access to Radio Hill. She was also a pioneer of public land stewardship, supporting the acquisition of what is now called the Los Angeles State Historic Park, Yaanga of the First Peoples. Moreover, as a founding member of what would become the nation’s largest municipal Neighborhood Council system, she helped establish the Historic Cultural Neighborhood Council, expanding opportunities for residents to directly participate in their local government.

After peacefully passing in 2014, Mrs. Brown’s legacy continues in the hearts, minds, and hands of the Solano Canyon residents. Mrs. Brown often said, “If you live in a community, you take care of that community. You honor it and respect it. That is just what you do.” Alicia Vann Brown made her mark in the City of Los Angeles, and Council District One wants to honor her lifelong contributions to the Solano Canyon community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council INSTRUCT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to fabricate and install a permanent ceremonial sign designating the intersection of Amador St and Solano Ave in Solano Canyon as “Alicia Vann Brown Square.”

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council AUTHORIZE the LADOT 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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