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Los Angeles City Council
200 North Spring Street,
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: Motion to Designate “Rafel ‘Ray’ Vega Square”—CF: 26-0374

Honorable Chair and Councilmembers,

The California Restaurant Association (CRA) represents more than 22,000 neighborhood dining establishments across California and works to shape public policy in ways that supports a strong, vibrant, and sustainable restaurant community. The Los Angeles Chapter of the CRA is among the Association’s most active, reflecting the City’s rich diversity of cultures and cuisines.

We write to express our strong support for the motion to designate the intersection of Ventura Blvd. and Fulton Ave. as “Rafael ‘Ray’ Vega Square.”

Ray Vega’s impact on Los Angeles extends far beyond the success of a single establishment. As the founder of Casa Vega, he helped shape the culinary identity of the San Fernando Valley at a time when Mexican cuisine was far less represented, expanding both the region’s dining landscape and its cultural visibility.

For decades, Casa Vega has been more than a restaurant—it has served as a gathering place where traditions are shared and generations of Angelenos come together. That legacy continues today under the leadership of his daughter, Christy Vega, and the Vega family, who remain a cornerstone of Los Angeles hospitality and a source of inspiration to independent operators nationwide.

Naming this intersection as “Rafael ‘Ray’ Vega Square” is a fitting tribute to a man whose life’s work brought people together through food, culture, and community. It honors not only his legacy, but also his enduring contributions to the restaurant industry and to the social and cultural fabric of Los Angeles.

As Casa Vega celebrates 70 years in Los Angeles with Christy Vega at the helm, we are certain that Ray Vega’s legacy will continue to endure as one of the City’s great restaurant establishments.

We respectfully urge the Council to approve this motion and honor Rafael ‘Ray’ Vega’s lasting impact on Los Angeles.

Sincerely,



Jackie Romero
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