

MOTION

Rafael “Ray” Vega was the founder of Casa Vega, one of the most iconic and longstanding restaurants in the San Fernando Valley. Established in 1956 along Ventura Boulevard in Sherman Oaks, Casa Vega helped introduce and popularize Mexican cuisine in the Valley and quickly became a beloved neighborhood institution. Known for its warm atmosphere and family recipes, the restaurant grew into a gathering place for Valley residents while also attracting numerous figures from the entertainment industry.

Born in National City, California in 1934, Vega grew up immersed in the restaurant business through his family’s operations on Olvera Street. He opened Casa Vega at just 22 years old and later relocated the restaurant to the corner of Ventura Boulevard and Fulton Avenue, where he spent decades greeting guests, building community, and establishing the restaurant as a cultural landmark in Los Angeles. In addition to his work in hospitality, Vega served as a commissioner for the Los Angeles Department of Public Social Services and later as Chairman of the Los Angeles County Housing Authority.

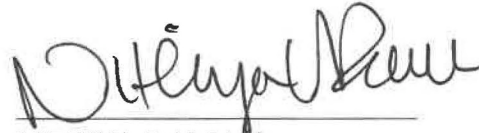
Rafael “Ray” Vega passed away on January 9, 2021 at the age of 86. His legacy continues through Casa Vega, which remains a cherished fixture of the San Fernando Valley under the leadership of his family. Renaming the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Fulton Avenue recognizes Vega’s lasting contributions to Los Angeles’ culinary heritage and the community he helped bring together.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Ventura Boulevard and Fulton Avenue be named “Rafael ‘Ray’ Vega Square” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to install permanent ceremonial signage at this location.

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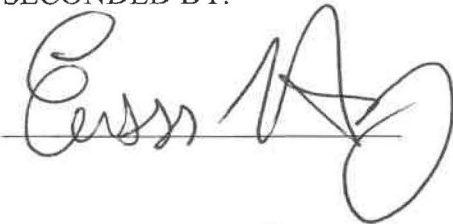


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