

MOTION

Sam Watson became a resident of Los Angeles in 1956 and went on to dedicate decades of service to the community. From 1971 to 1983, he served as a coach and mentor at Raymond Avenue Elementary School, positively impacting the lives of countless young people.

In 1983, Sam Watson began working at Motown Records in the Artist Relations Department, contributing to one of the most influential music labels in history and working with legendary artists including Marvin Gaye, The Jackson Five, Smokey Robinson, and many other renowned performers.

In the early 90s, he expanded his career into live entertainment production, working with world-renowned boxing and entertainment producer Al Haymon to produce live and broadcast concerts around the world. He later became widely recognized as a key figure in Premier Boxing Champions (PBC), a leading boxing promotion company established in 2015 that showcases world-class boxing events globally.

Beyond his professional accomplishments, Sam Watson has mentored thousands of youth in South Los Angeles and across the nation, using sports as a tool to instill pride, discipline, and self-esteem. He has also raised substantial funds in support of cancer and other medical research and charitable causes. Throughout his life, he has remained a dedicated humanitarian, philanthropist, and community activist committed to improving the lives of others.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of 80th Street and Main Street in Council District 9 be designated as “**Sam Watson Way**,” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to install permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location.

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