

MOTION

PUBLIC WORKS

Dr. Carl A. McCorkle, an esteemed minister of the Gospel, was born on July 19, 1956, in Chicago, Illinois, to Mr. Joe and Mrs. Stella McCorkle. After his early years, he was raised in Bobo, Mississippi, by his grandparents, Mr. Early and Mrs. Lillie Dangerfield, who instilled the foundational values of faith and service. At age eight, Dr. McCorkle publicly confessed Jesus Christ as his Lord and Savior at Mount Moriah Missionary Baptist Church. He was baptized on Sunday, August 9, 1964, by the late Rev. L.C. Curly in Alligator Lake.

After the passing of his grandmother in August 1967, Dr. McCorkle relocated to Los Angeles, California, where he continued his education in the Los Angeles Unified School District. While attending Locke High School, he became known as “The Little Locke Preacher,” holding campus Bible studies and proclaiming the Word of God with youthful boldness. In 1969, he received the baptism of the Holy Ghost in the Church of God in Christ, further affirming his spiritual calling.

At the age of 15, he was officially licensed to preach the Gospel, launching a lifelong ministry characterized by prophetic insight, commitment to sound doctrine, and a consistent dedication to serving the people of God.

Dr. McCorkle has faithfully served in the ministry for over five decades, celebrating his 53rd year on December 25, 2024. He is the Founder and Senior Pastor of Love and Unity Community Church of God in Christ, located at 4720 S. Avalon Blvd. in Los Angeles, California. Under his visionary leadership, the church has served the community for 38 years, standing as a beacon of holiness, unity, and outreach.

Love and Unity Community Church is recognized as a certified member of the Church of God in Christ by the denomination’s national headquarters in Memphis, Tennessee.

Dr. McCorkle continues to serve in good standing under the ecclesiastical leadership of the Right Reverend, Bishop Joe L. Ealy, Jurisdictional Prelate of the First Jurisdiction of Southern California, Church of God in Christ, Inc., and Mother Barbara Bryant, Jurisdictional Supervisor of Women.

His commitment and dedication to the doctrinal integrity and leadership of the Church of God in Christ remain faithful and enduring. In recognition of his spiritual contributions, Dr. McCorkle was awarded an Honorary Doctorate from St. Stephen’s Bible College in 1994. He is widely acknowledged as walking in the office of a prophet, in alignment with the scriptural foundations of Amos 3:7 and Ephesians 4:11. He is affectionately known as a man of “Vision, Valor, and Victory.”

A distinguished public servant, Dr. McCorkle has been employed by the City of Los Angeles since March 3, 1976. His reputation as a community leader is underscored by decades of

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outreach ministry, including a convalescent care ministry that lasted over ten years. He also hosted weekly gospel broadcasts on KTYM Radio in Los Angeles and KIOU in Shreveport, Louisiana.

On February 7, 2012, Dr. McCorkle established The Touch and Agree Prayer Line Ministries, a daily intercessory prayer that convenes seven days a week at 6:00 PM (PST). The ministry also observes corporate fasting every Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday, accompanied by intercessory prayer at 3:00 PM (PST).

Dr. McCorkle is a devoted husband to First Lady Lydia McCorkle, with whom he celebrates 43 years of marriage. They were united in holy matrimony on April 24, 1984, at Crusaders Temple Church of God in Christ, officiated by the late Bishop J.A. Blake Sr. Together, they are proud parents of three children: Ryan, Carlisha, and Christopher McCorkle. Dr. McCorkle's guiding principles reflect the strength of spiritual unity and collective purpose, a conviction in his powerful motto.

I THEREFORE MOVE that ceremonial sign(s) should be erected at the intersection of 48th Street and Avalon Boulevard to include the following language "Senior Pastor, Dr. Carl A. McCorkle, Square" for his dedication to the City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at or suitably near this location.

PRESENTED BY: 
Curren D. Price, Jr.
Councilmember, 9th District

SECONDED BY: 

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