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Joy P. Atkinson was a celebrated leader in the civic life of this City, a native Angeleno, who dedicated her life to lifting up her community and future leaders. Ms. Atkinson was the daughter of Eddie and Antoinette Atkinson and her father was the first African American in history to reach a general election for the Los Angeles City Council, a legacy that his daughter would continue.

Ms. Joy Atkinson served as the Chief of Staff to State Assemblymember Gwen Moore for 16 years, working for her community at the State level. She then returned to the City where Mayor Garcetti first appointed her as a Commissioner on the Board of Neighborhood Commissioners, where she would eventually serve as Vice President. In addition, she served on the South Los Angeles Area Planning Commission as President, the Los Angeles City Planning Commission, and the Police Permit Review Panel.

While active within the functions of our City's government, Ms. Atkinson also served as the Executive Director of the Los Angeles African American Women's Public Policy Institute, establishing the institute as a training ground for new generations of Black women to develop their leadership skills and ensure that Black women were prepared to serve in executive roles in politics, business, and the non-profit sectors. Ms. Atkinson also served as president of the New Frontier Democratic Club, the oldest and largest African American Democratic Club in the State.

Ms. Atkinson passed away on January 10, 2026. In recognition of Ms. Atkinson's legacy of service and contributions to her community and the City, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of 4th Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard, near Ms. Atkinson's home of 20 years, as "Joy P. Atkinson Square."

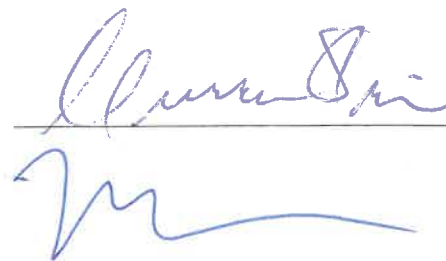
I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at 4th Avenue and Jefferson Boulevard be named as "Joy P. Atkinson Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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