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July 22, 2011

PRESENTED BY: MITCHELL INGLANDER COUNCILMEMBER, TWELFTH DISTRICT

SECONDED BY: DENNIS P. ZINE COUNCILMEMBER, THIRD DISTRICT

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COUNCILMEMBER, THIRD DISTRICT

ADOPTED JUL 15 2011
LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Bangkok is the capital and primary city of Thailand and it is known in Thai as the "city of angels;" and

WHEREAS, Bangkok has an established sister city relationship with Washington, DC; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is one of the great cities of the world with a diverse population and a world class economy larger than many states; and

WHEREAS, there is a large community of Thai origin residents in Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has designated a portion of Hollywood as “That Town;” and

WHEREAS, there should be mutual exchanges in cultural and commercial activities between Los Angeles and Bangkok; and

WHEREAS, Los Angeles has always been at the forefront of encouraging greater friendship and understanding with other cities around the world; and

WHEREAS, Bangkok has been named the world’s best city by US travel magazine Travel + Leisure, and this is the second year in a row that Bangkok has been named in the top spot;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Mayor and Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby congratulate Bangkok, Thailand on its being named the world’s best city for the second year in a row, and look forward to working together on issues of mutual interest and benefit to our two great cities.

PRESENTED BY:

ERIC GARCETTI
Councilman, 13th District

TOM LABONGE
Councilman, 4th District

ADOPTED
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LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

JULY 15, 2011

SECONDED BY:
JANICE HAHN
Councilwoman, 15th District
RESOLUTION

Macaria Flores

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was born in 1978 in San Leandro, CA, where she lived until she moved to Los Angeles to attend school at the University of Southern California (USC); and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was tremendously active during her time at USC, becoming involved in the university’s Greek system, campus organizations and Trojan Football – all the while studying and obtaining a Bachelors of Arts in Environmental Studies and Public Policy and Management from USC in 2001; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores, split her time between school and work, becoming a Student Professional Worker for California Environmental Protection Agency, State Water Resources Control Board, assisting the lead project manager for the 401 certification program, including the review, compliance inspection and processing of certifications pursuant to Section 401 of the Clean Water Act and the Porter-Cologne Water Quality Control Act; and

WHEREAS, after graduation from USC, Macaria Flores was promoted to Environmental Scientist at the California Environmental Protection Agency, State Water Resources Control Board; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was responsible for the administration and implementation of contracts for non-point source and watershed protection projects funded through the Clean Water Act Section 319(h) and State water quality grant programs, eventually becoming responsible for much of the background information that led to the development of Total Maximum Daily Load (TMDL) standards; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores also represented the Board on technical advisory committees comprised of stakeholders, jurisdictional and regulatory agencies for various water resource management and protection projects that solicited input and dieback on inter-agency programs; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores joined the staff of Councilman Tony Cárdenas, Council District Six in October 2006 as a Legislative Deputy assigned to environmental issues, economic development and energy policy; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores, during her tenure as a Legislative Deputy was known for achieving the impossible: working with departments and staff to coordinate the development of the East San Fernando Valley skate park, applying for and obtaining millions of dollars from the US Department of Commerce for Sun Valley, the development of Sheldon Arleta, Spay/Neuter legislation; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was an integral asset in economic development in Council District Six, shepherding projects such as La Corufia, Sun Valley Industrial Parkway, Montecito Terraces and countless Community Redevelopment Agency programs; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was selected as a delegate of the City of Los Angeles on the alternative technologies global trash tour, observing and evaluating facilities in different nations to reduce the dependence on landfills for disposing of waste; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores also organized Camp Cárdenas and chaperoned the inaugural camping trip to Mono Lake, affording disadvantaged youth from the East San Fernando Valley the opportunity to learn about the City’s water system, nature and outdoor living; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores, after proving her leadership capability and ability to spearhead policy initiatives, was elevated to Policy Director for Councilmember Tony Cárdenas in January 2011; and

WHEREAS, as Policy Director, Macaria Flores continued her work on difficult and complex projects, building coalitions with elected and appointed officials, department staff, business leaders and community stakeholders; and

WHEREAS, Macaria Flores was also committed to volunteering, dedicating countless hours to the Girl Scouts, animal humane groups in Southern California and previously served as a charter member of the California Resource Connections, an association dedicated towards watershed planning and environmental issues in the San Gabriel Valley;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council along with the Mayor, Controller, City Attorney and City Clerk do hereby recognize Macaria Flores for her service to the City of Los Angeles and the Sixth Council District and wish her continued success in all her future endeavors.

ADOPTED

JUL 15 2011

LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL

PRESENTED BY:  

TONY CÁRDERAS

Councilmember, Sixth District

SECONDED BY:  

ALL ELECTED OFFICIALS