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One of the most tragic losses ever endured by the members of the Police Department involved the kidnaping and murder of Hollywood Division Officer Ian J. Campbell.

The circumstances surrounding his loss had a profound impact not just on the Police Department, but on law enforcement throughout the nation. His compelling story came to be known as "The Onion Field."

Campbell, and his partner Karl Hettinger, were kidnaped at gunpoint from the intersection of Carlos Avenue and Gower Street in Hollywood on March 9, 1963. Both were driven to a remote agricultural section of Kern County. Campbell was murdered, but Hettinger made good his escape and served with the Department for another three years, until his 1966 resignation.

Although tragic, much was learned about the treatment of both of these officers. Campbell's avocation as a bagpiper has become a tradition at the all-too frequent funerals of LAPD officers killed in the line of duty. Beginning with his memorial services, a bagpiper has played at every line of duty funeral in the past 48 years.

To honor the memory of Officer Ian Campbell, the Los Angeles Police Historical Society, in partnership with the Los Angeles Police Emerald Society Pipes and Drums, has requested that the intersection of Carlos Avenue and Gower Street be named in his honor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Carlos Avenue and Gower Street in Hollywood be named as "Ian Campbell 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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