WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state or federal governmental body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, Willie L. Brown, Jr. was first elected in 1964 and served in all of the following capacities: as a Member of the California State Assembly from 1965 to 1995, as Speaker of the California State Assembly as the longest serving Speaker in California history, from 1980 to 1995, and the first African American; and two terms as the 41st Mayor of the City and County of San Francisco, from January 8, 1996, to January 8, 2004; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown served as the Chair of the Assembly Ways and Means Committee and the Chair of the Assembly Revenue and Taxation Committee; served on the Board of Trustees of the California State University system and as a Regent of the University of California; and served on the Board of Administration of the California Public Employees' Retirement System; and

WHEREAS, as mayor of San Francisco, he refurbished and rebuilt one of the nation's busiest transit systems, pioneered the use of bond measures to build affordable housing, created a model juvenile justice system, and paved the way for creating the expansion campus of the University of California, San Francisco, to serve as the anchor of a new development that would position the city as a center for the burgeoning field of biotechnology; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown is widely regarded as one of the most influential politicians of the late 20th century, and has been at the center of California politics, government, and civic life for an impressive four decades; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Brown's career has left his mark on every aspect of politics and public policy in the Golden State, including civil rights, education reform, tax policy, economic development, health care, international trade, domestic partnerships, and affirmative action; and

WHEREAS, currently pending in the State Legislature is a bill, Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65 to name the western span of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 State Legislative Program support for Assembly Concurrent Resolution No. 65 to name the western span of the San Francisco - Oakland Bay Bridge as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Bridge.

PRESENTED BY:

AUG 1 3 2013

BERNARD C. PARKS

Councilman, 8th District

SECONDED BY: