

## MOTION

Mitchell Englander was born and raised in the Twelfth District of the City of Los Angeles. He has raised his own family there and continues to reside there.

Prior to resigning his City Council seat on January 1, 2019, he had served as the Twelfth District Councilmember since his election in 2011 and reelection in 2015 with 100% of the vote.

From 2003- 2011, Mitchell Englander served as Chief of Staff to Councilmember Greig Smith. In his nearly sixteen years of service to the residents and businesses of the Twelfth Council District, he helped stop the massive Las Lomas development of 5,800 homes, added Rinaldi Park, Aliso Canyon Park and Oakridge Estate Park, remediated Chastworth Park South from lead and PAH contamination and rebuilt the Northridge Pool.

Mitchell Englander obtained a closure date for the Sunshine Canyon Landfill, forced the operators to eliminate the years-long odor issues and led the City's response to the Aliso Canyon Gas Leak – including the relocation of more than 20,000 residents as well as two LAUSD schools.

He rebuilt trust in the Fire Department's response times with his FireSTAT LA program, created the Advanced Provider Unit to free-up Paramedic resources for actual emergencies and remained a fiscal watchdog over the City's financial resources. His Neighborhoods FIRST initiative and Clean Streets, Clean Starts programs have been widely copied around the City.

Mitchell Englander fought to preserve industrial properties for their job creation potential and created the innov818 zone. He was also a constant advocate for retaining the zoning and amenities necessary to preserve the equestrian way of life in the North West Valley.

Mitchell Englander was approached by Toll Brothers, the developer of Porter Ranch's future, 50-acre park, to name the facility after him. He declined the offer, asking instead that the honor be bestowed upon his late mother and sister – two longtime Twelfth District residents whose lives were typical of the struggles so many women face.

His mother, Linda Bloom, passed away at the young age of 50 and was a struggling single mother of three. Though she lost her own home due to financial struggle, she continued to volunteer throughout the community to help others in need, while raising her children. Linda relied heavily on local parks and recreation programs to make sure her children had safe places to go after school.

Natalie Bloom was Linda's oldest child. Natalie truly enjoyed the outdoors, though she often struggled with the poor air quality in the basin. For years, Natalie was frequently rushed to the hospital due to chronic, severe asthma. Natalie went on to become a Head Start elementary school teacher with a deep passion for music and outdoor events. Natalie passed away at the young age of 40 from complications resulting from asthma.

His wish to name the park "Bloom Park" in memory of Linda and Natalie was to honor them by giving local residents the opportunity to check their own troubles at the door, and enjoy outdoor recreation and events with their family, friends and neighbors.

**I THEREFORE MOVE** that the 50-acre park in construction in the Porter Ranch community be named "Bloom Park in Porter Ranch" in tribute to Linda and Natalie Bloom so as to honor the request of a loyal



steward of the Twelfth District for more that 15-years, Mitchell Englander. Bloom Park of Porter Ranch would serve as a monument to the everyday struggles and sacrifices of the women of the San Fernando Valley – whom even through their own personal adversity find a way to contribute to the betterment of their communities.

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