

**RESOLUTION
RITCHIE VALENS DAY**

Whereas, the infamous Rock and Roll legend Ritchie Valens was born Richard Steven Valenzuela on May 13, 1941. Ritchie, a Mexican-American, was an artist, beloved son, brother, cousin, uncle and friend. He was raised in the San Fernando Valley and was a member of a Rock and Roll band called the *Silhouettes*. As a pioneer in the music industry, he is considered a forefather of the Chicano Rock movement. He helped open doors and paved the way for future minority artists throughout the USA; and

Whereas, the musician has withstood the test of time and remains relevant and is a preferred rock and roll choice for millions of young and older rock music fans. Growing up in Pacoima, Valens developed a love of music early on and learned to play a number of different instruments, however the guitar became his passion. He found inspiration in various sources, ranging from traditional Mexican music to popular R&B acts to innovative rock performers like Little Richard; and

Whereas, while the 1950s became a phenomenal time in the history of music, Ritchie Valens was influential in igniting the careers of many 1960's rock bands. To propel his own career, Valens auditioned for Keane's record label in May 1958. Soon afterwards, he had his first single out on Del-Fi records. The song, "Come On, Let's Go," became a minor hit. Keane also encouraged the young singer to shorten his last name from Valenzuela to "Valens" to make it more radio friendly. Thus resulting in Valens having even greater success with his second single, a remake called "La Bamba" along with a personal song "Donna," an ode to his high school girlfriend Donna Ludwig, it became a popular ballad, eventually climbing as high as the number two spot on the pop charts. While not as big a hit, "La Bamba" was a revolutionary song that fused elements of a traditional Mexican folk tune with rock and roll; and

Whereas, Ritchie Valens appearance on Alan Freed's Christmas Show which led to an opportunity to tour in January 1959, with the Winter Dance Party tour. The tour featured such acts as Buddy Holly, Dion and the Belmont's, and J.P. "The Big Bopper" Richardson. Over three weeks, these performers were set to play 24 concerts in the Midwest; and


Whereas, music lovers remember his unforeseen death as the day the music died. A plane crash killed Ritchie and fellow legends Buddy Holly, the Big Bopper, and the pilot, Roger Peterson; and

Whereas, Ritchie Valens was inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in 2001. To this day, he remains an inspirational impact, where he grew up in the San Fernando Valley, and around the world. His music influenced the Civil Rights Movement and the Chicano Moratorium Era and helped the acceptance of future musical artists like Carlos Santana, Malo, Tierra, Los Lobos, The Stray Cats, Social Distortion, Los Lonely Boys, Santa Cecilia & Trio Ellas; and

Whereas, the Ritchie Valens Foundation, a non-profit organization will be established to inspire, connect, and bring our youth closer to their dreams of a career in the music industry; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that the City Council of Los Angeles hereby declares May 13th, 2016 and then annually, the official day of remembrance to Ritchie Valens "Let's Go Rock and Roll" Day to aspiring Angelenos & musical enthusiasts around the world to follow their dreams, thus continuing the notion that the City of Los Angeles gives birth to the greatest rock & rollers in the world!

PRESENTED BY: 
FELIPE FUENTES, 7th District

SECONDED BY: 
ALL MEMBERS

MAY 13 2016

ORIGINAL

Resolution



Kelli Bernard .

Whereas, Kelli Bernard lead the Mayor's Office of Economic Development to make doing business easier, nurture small businesses, support high growth sectors and train and retrain Los Angeles' workforce for 21st Century jobs; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard most recently provided leadership and economic development expertise to the Los Angeles Department of Water & Power, the country's largest municipally owned utility company, as Director of Economic Development, lead the Department's Clean Technology Initiative and leveraged the Department's resources to attract, retain and expand businesses in the City of Los Angeles; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard served as Director of Planning and Economic Development for LA City Council President Eric Garcetti. Kelli was responsible for overseeing key development projects in the district, facilitating CD 13's economic development initiatives, and providing staffing for the Council President on Citywide planning and land use issues. Ms. Bernard also provided strategic counsel to developing faith-based economic development organizations; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard was formerly Vice President of Real Estate at Genesis LA, a non profit economic development corporation, where she was responsible for Genesis LA's real estate development services, which include development strategies, project management, financial modeling, leveraging local resources and structuring public/private partnerships; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard has fifteen years of experience in the areas of economic development, land use planning, housing, redevelopment and public affairs. She also has in-depth knowledge of public/private partnerships, public finance and local, state and federal regulatory and legislative issues; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard has served as vice president of Lee Andrews Group, Inc., as senior business development representative in the office of former Los Angeles Mayor Richard Riordan, as the planning deputy to a Los Angeles city council member, and with the Vermont Slauson Economic Development Corporation. She also served as an international fellow with Africare in Zambia; and

Whereas, Kelli Bernard is involved in a number of organizations, including The Urban Land Institute as a National Urban Advisor and The Los Angeles Neighborhood Land Trust. Ms. Bernard holds a Masters Degree in Urban Planning from University of California, Los Angeles and a BA in Sociology from University of California, Berkeley.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of Los Angeles herby commends and congratulates Kelli Bernard for her remarkable years of service and thanks her for humanitarian efforts and contributions to the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:


MARQUEECE HARRIS-DAWSON
Councilmember Eighth District

SECONDED BY:


All Council

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CITY OF LOS ANGELES



RESOLUTION

Police Officer III Anthony Macklin

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin worked as a Student Worker, Civilian Jailer prior to entering the Los Angeles Police Academy on April 1, 1985, and graduated on September 14, 1985; and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin worked a variety of assignments including 77th Division, Wilshire Division, Personnel Division, Hollenbeck Division, and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin was assigned to Hollenbeck Division and during his tenure at Hollenbeck wherein he has been awarded countless commendations for his knowledge and expertise, including making a significant number of felony arrests; and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin has worked as a Police Officer III as an investigative, enforcement, and as a community liaison for the past 24 years at Hollenbeck Division; and,

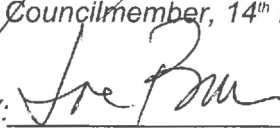
WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin has mentored countless officers during his career and has received numerous commendations from the Citizens of Los Angeles and Department Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin, affectionately known as "T-MAC" can now spend more of his time with his wife, son and daughter and friends doing the things he loves most; and,

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Anthony Macklin retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as a Police Officer III at Hollenbeck Community Police Station on July 11, 2016; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, Councilmember José Huizar and the City Council of Los Angeles thanks Police Officer III Anthony Macklin for his combined 37 years of proud, loyal, and dedicated service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles and wishes him a healthy and well-deserved retirement!

PRESENTED BY: 
JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 
ALL COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon entered the Los Angeles Police Academy on March 28, 1988, and graduated on September 10, 1988; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon worked a variety of assignments including Rampart Division, Hollywood Division, Hollywood CRASH, Hollywood Division Training Officer, North Hollywood Division CRASH, North Hollywood VICE, Hollenbeck Division Training Officer, Hollenbeck Division Special Enforcement Unit, Hollenbeck Division Senior Lead Officer; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon was assigned to the Hollywood and North Hollywood CRASH Unit and during his tenure at CRASH was awarded countless commendations for his knowledge and expertise; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon has worked Hollenbeck Division Training Officer, Hollenbeck Division Special Enforcement Unit, Hollenbeck Division Senior Lead Officer; and worked in the capacity as a Senior Lead Officer in Basic Car 4A71 as an investigative, enforcement, community liaison for the past 12 years at Hollenbeck Division; and,

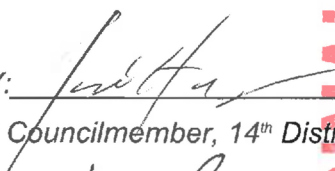
WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon developed a great relationship with Boyle Heights residents and in particular with the Pico Gardens and Dolores Mission community who will greatly miss him; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon has mentored countless officers during his career and has received numerous commendations from the Citizens of Los Angeles and Department Supervisors; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon, affectionately known as "The Lone Wolf" can now spend more of his time with his wife Yunji, two daughters, son and friends doing the things he loves most; and,

WHEREAS, Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon retired from the Los Angeles Police Department as a Senior Lead Officer at Hollenbeck Community Police Station on May 31, 2016; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this resolution, Councilmember José Huizar and the City Council of Los Angeles thanks Senior Lead Officer Joe Chacon for his 28 years of proud, loyal, and dedicated service to the residents of the City of Los Angeles and wishes him a healthy and well-deserved retirement!

PRESENTED BY: 
JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 

ALL COUNCIL

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RESOLUTION

Union Rescue Mission

WHEREAS, the Union Rescue Mission is the oldest mission of its kind in the City of Los Angeles and one of the oldest operating rescue missions in the United States ; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Rescue Mission has been serving the desperately poor and homeless in the City of Los Angeles since December 4, 1891 and celebrated its 125th Anniversary on December 4, 2016; and,

WHEREAS, thousands of men, women, children and families have been served by the Union Rescue Mission's emergency shelter program each year; and,

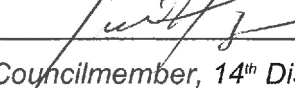
WHEREAS, men, women, children and families are invited to join the Union Rescue Mission's Residential Recovery and Life Transformation Programs where they can rebuild broken and scarred lives; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Rescue Mission supports the downtown Skid Row Community network of service providers in their efforts to effect better services and changed lives for the City's homeless and destitute citizens; and,

WHEREAS, the Union Rescue Mission has been effective making lasting and positive changes in the lives of people who seek a better life for themselves and their families; and,

WHEREAS, Union Rescue Mission continues to serve those in need, regardless of who they are and what their backgrounds are, with dignity and compassion; and,

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that by the adoption of this resolution, the City Council of Los Angeles, along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Controller recognize Union Rescue Mission for its 125 years of services to the men, women, children and families of Los Angeles and for their continued efforts to make the City of Los Angeles a better place to live.

PRESENTED BY: 
JOSE HUIZAR Councilmember, 14th District

SECONDED BY: 
ALL COUNCIL

MAY 13 2016

TRANSMISSION

RESOLUTION

Senior Fraud Awareness Day

WHEREAS, as the population ages and more Americans become senior citizens with “nest eggs,” they become greater targets for fraud and deception. The ease by which criminals access senior’s critical financial information through the internet and telephone increases as more creative schemes emerge; and

WHEREAS, senior fraud is a growing concern as millions have fallen victim to Medicare scams, sweepstakes and lottery scams, investment and work at home scams, bereavement scams, identity theft, charity scams, granny scams and home repair scams. Seniors average one scam-type letter and two telemarketing phone calls per week; and

WHEREAS, senior fraud is underreported due to older adults’ embarrassment and lack of information on where to report such fraud; and

WHEREAS, there are millions of cases of financial exploitation of the elderly in the U.S. that occur each year and the financial loss by those victims is in the billions; and

WHEREAS, caregivers, con artists and unscrupulous salespersons are often the primary instigators of senior fraud. The tactics used are intimidation, fear, friendliness, authority and control to get the victim to send money or share private financial information. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, 90 percent of those who abuse are family members; and

WHEREAS, senior citizens own more than half of all the financial assets in America and are consequently the primary targets for fraudulent practices. It is estimated by the U.S. Subcommittee on Health and Long Term Care that seniors represent 30 percent of scam victims; and

WHEREAS, the “Stop Senior Scams Acting Program” is an organization made up of older adult actors in their 60s to 90s who perform educational skits at numerous venues in order to inform the public about current scams that target the older adult population.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby declares May 15, 2016, as “Senior Fraud Awareness Day” in the City of Los Angeles.

Presented by: 
Paul Koretz, Councilmember 5th District

Seconded by: 
Mike Bonin, Councilmember 11th District

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RESOLUTION

OLDER AMERICANS MONTH

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles Department of Aging is a designated Area Agency on Aging, and the City of Los Angeles' Council on Aging is the advisory council under the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, the elderly population in California is expected to grow more than twice as fast as the total population, and will increase to approximately nine million by the year 2020; and

WHEREAS, since 2011, the baby boomer generation began turning 65 years old at a rate of 10,000 people per day in our country, which amounts to approximately 4,000,000 per year. This is roughly the population of the City of Los Angeles and will continue at this level for 19 more years; and

WHEREAS, the City of Los Angeles is the most diverse city in the nation, whose multi-ethnic cultures and rich life experiences continue to enhance the City of Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Congress has declared that in keeping with the traditional American concept that focuses on the inherent dignity of the individual in our Democratic society, older people of our nation are entitled to secure equal opportunity to the employment of all the objectives set forth in the Older Americans Act; and

WHEREAS, Older Americans are trailblazers who instill pride in their communities by sharing their wisdom, talents, and time with others. They play a vital and integral part of our dynamic society and pave the way for future generations; and

WHEREAS, Community members can benefit from the contributions and experience of older adults. Our elderly communities can provide opportunities to enrich the lives of individuals of all ages by promoting and engaging in activities, wellness, and social involvement; emphasizing home and community based services that support independent living; and

WHEREAS, It is now time to honor Older American's past and future contributions to their families, our great city and to the nation; and

WHEREAS, since 1963, the month of May was first recognized as Senior Citizens Month by President John F. Kennedy, and later changed to Older Americans Month by President Jimmy Carter in 1980; and

WHEREAS, this year is the 51st Anniversary of the signing of the Older Americans Act by President Lyndon Baines Johnson on July 14, 1965.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City Council of the City of Los Angeles hereby declare May, 2016 as "OLDER AMERICANS MONTH" with the theme, "Blaze a Trail" in the City of Los Angeles.

Presented By: _____

Paul Koretz, Councilmember 5th District

Seconded By: _____

David Ryu, Councilmember 4th District

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