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Summary: The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council voted in support of the resolution requesting the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino) that would designate the portion of State Highway 134 between State Highway 2 and Interstate 210 as the President Barack H. Obama Highway.

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July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017

Los Angeles Mayor Eric Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council  
200 N. Spring Street  
Los Angeles, CA 90012

Re: CIS on CF 17-0002-S93, Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino)/ President Barack H. Obama Highway.

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcetti and Los Angeles City Council Members,

The Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council requests that the following Community Impact Statement be added to Council File 17-0002-S93, regarding the City Council's consideration to support the California Senate Concurrent Resolution requesting that the City of Los Angeles include in its 2017-18 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino) that would designate the portion of State Highway 134 between State Highway 2 and Interstate 210 as the President Barack H. Obama Highway. On behalf of our over 62,000 Los Angeles stakeholders, who reside, own property, or conduct business in Highland Park, we are writing to express our support of CF 17-0002-S93, Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino)/ President Barack H. Obama Highway.

As the nation's first African American president, President Obama was a transformational leader in every sense of the word. During his eight years in office, President Obama's accomplishments were countless and historical, which include entering the presidency facing the Great Recession and later stabilizing financial markets; advancing foreign and domestic policy; spearheading the Affordable Care Act; overseeing the military operation that "brought Osama bin Laden to justice"; nominated and commissioned Sonia Sotomayor as the first Hispanic female Supreme Court Associate Justice; and eliminating Don't Ask Don't Tell policy in

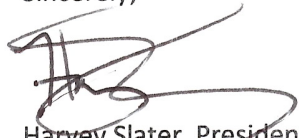
2010. President Barack Obama was also the fourth President of the United States to have been awarded a Nobel Peace Prize in 2009 for his "extraordinary efforts to strengthen international diplomacy and cooperation between peoples."

Moreover, President Obama's residency in Southern California, having been a college student for three years at Occidental College in 1979 before transferring to Columbia University in 1981, is important to commemorate as a historical area. Highlighting our 44<sup>th</sup> president's connection to Los Angeles, particularly to the northeast, is an important historical fact that should be remembered by our youth. When children in Los Angeles look back on the accomplishments of President Obama, they will remember with respect and inspiration the same way we look back on Franklin D. Roosevelt or John F. Kennedy's legacy. President Obama personifies the measure of character, strength and passion by which future presidents should live up to.

In addition, to not incur unintended or additional costs to tax payers, we request that freeway signs with Obama's name be erected only after enough money from city and private donations are gathered. Although we feel that renaming the 134 Freeway route between the Glendale (2) and Foothill (210) freeways is imperative, we suggest that the necessary funds be collected as a collaborative effort between the city, county and private donors.

Memorializing President Obama with the naming portion of the 134 Highway is not only a significant honor to bestow, but also a gesture of respect and gratitude for his service, dedication and sacrifice. In a moment when the country needs it the most, Los Angeles needs to show President Obama gratitude for imparting the country with his optimism, hope, and the audacity to lead with courage and grace. Therefore, the Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council highly recommends that the Los Angeles City Council SUPPORT CIS on CF 17-0002-S93, Senate Concurrent Resolution 8 (Portantino)/ President Barack H. Obama Highway.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Harvey Slater', with a stylized flourish extending from the end.

Harvey Slater, President  
Historic Highland Park Neighborhood Council