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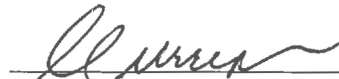
Bowers & Sons Cleaners is located on South Central Avenue and has been family owned and operated for three generations. The business was established by Horace Bowers who relocated to Los Angeles from New York City in the 1940s. Horace arrived by Greyhound bus, disembarking at the 6th and Los Angeles bus station. Shortly after his arrival, Horace was offered lodging and began searching for work. After finding work at a restaurant, Horace decided he wanted to work as a dry cleaning presser despite having no experience in that line of work. His first dry cleaning job was at AAA Cleaners on Olympic Blvd. At AAA Cleaners, Horace received training but was fired shortly after advocating for higher pay.

Horace continued to work in the dry cleaning industry and in 1950, he and his wife Alice purchased Smith's Cleaners located at the corner of Westlake Avenue and Temple Street. The Bowers renamed the business Bowers & Sons. The Bowers expanded their business in 1964, purchasing a small dry cleaning plant at 2507 South Central Avenue. This allowed Bowers & Sons to become a "full service" dry cleaning business. As Bowers & Sons grew, the Bowers purchased an adjoining building for expansion. The family eventually acquired all of the storefronts on the 2500 block of Central Avenue. These storefronts are now known as the Bowers Retail Complex and house several long term business tenants.

Bowers & Sons and the Bowers family are a vital part of the Central Avenue community. The Bowers are actively involved in the Central Avenue Historic Business Improvement District and are dedicated to serving and improving their neighborhood and City.

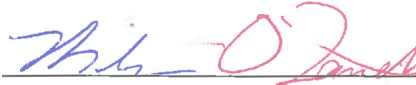
I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at South Central Avenue and East 25th Street be named as "Bowers Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY:



CURREN D. PRICE, JR.
Councilmember, 9th District

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