

**Resolution**  
**Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno**  
**Serial No. 25910**

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno retired from the Los Angeles Police Department after thirty-five years and five months of dedicated service; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno has served with professionalism, pride and dedication in the following assignments: Recruit in Training Division, 77th Division, Van Nuys Division, South Bureau CRASH, Harbor CRASH, Southwest Division, Southwest CRASH, Metropolitan Division B-Platoon, and Metropolitan Division's Mounted Platoon; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno while working at South Bureau CRASH, Harbor CRASH and Southwest CRASH investigated and arrested many violent gang members. Officer Nepomuceno's gang expertise and enforcement efforts helped to reduce the fear and intimidation of citizens by gang members in the communities he worked. In 1997, Officer Nepomuceno was instrumental in gathering intelligence leading to the first gang injunction on the notoriously violent 18th Street Gang. Throughout Officer Nepomuceno's career, he has been essential in solving countless violent gang crimes, to include, murders, rapes, robberies and drive-by shootings; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno has served a total of 26 years in Metropolitan Division with the majority of those years in the Mounted Platoon and has been instrumental in the training of officers assigned to Metropolitan Division's Mounted Platoon in equestrian skills including mounted patrol tactics, mounted crowd control tactics and mounted search and rescue operations. Officer Nepomuceno, as a life-long martial artist, educated hundreds of officers in regard to defending against edge weapon attacks, and was the Chief instructor for the training and use of the "bokken" mounted police baton; and

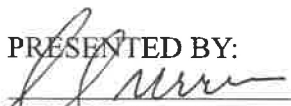
WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno was responsible for the successful completion of hundreds of perimeter searches, search warrants, dignitary protection details - including the protection of the President of the United States, restoring peace during acts of civil disobedience and training of Department personnel; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno helped to restore order and keep the peace during the 1992 civil unrest, 1994 Northridge earthquake, 2000 Democratic National Convention, 2014 Occupy LA, 2020 civil unrest, numerous violent protests and violence following the Dodgers World Series, Kings Stanley Cup and several Lakers Championship wins; and

WHEREAS, Police Officer III Joenador Nepomuceno has participated in many activities helping kids in the City of Los Angeles and due to his efforts and compassion for the youth, Officer Nepomuceno was awarded the Department's Human Relations Medal and Community Relations Medal; and


NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the City Council of and for the City of Los Angeles, does hereby commend and congratulate Joenador Nepomuceno for his thirty-five years and five months of dedicated service to the people and the community of the City of Los Angeles, and wishes him health and happiness in his retirement and success in his future endeavors.

PRESENTED BY:

  
**CURREN D. PRICE, JR.**  
Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

**MAY 17 2023**

SECONDED BY:



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## RESOLUTION

**WHEREAS**, in 1943, following the Sleepy Lagoon murder, subsequent arrest of hundreds of Mexican-American children and young adults in connection with the murder, and the indictment of 24 Mexican-American boys and trial of 22 boys for the murder, the anti-Mexican sentiment in Los Angeles had reached a fever pitch; and

**WHEREAS**, the flames of this anti-Latino sentiment were fanned by racist yellow journalism regularly on display in the Los Angeles Herald-Express, the Los Angeles Examiner, and the Los Angeles Times, among other publications of the day, to drive sales; and

**WHEREAS**, young men, typically Chicano, inspired by the suits worn by Black American musicians and patrons during the height of Jazz and Big Band music, adopted the Zoot Suit as their de facto uniform; and

**WHEREAS**, beginning on June 3, 1943 gangs of uniformed servicemen descended upon Downtown Los Angeles, seeking out and indiscriminately beating any Latino in their path, focusing overwhelmingly on young Chicanos wearing Zoot Suits; and

**WHEREAS**, that the LA Times voiced support for the violent assailants who incited the riots, declaring on June 7, 1943 that, "the zoot suiters, having learned a great moral lesson from servicemen, mostly sailors, who took over their instruction three days ago, are staying home nights," is unconscionable; and

**WHEREAS**, the LA Times characterized then-First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt as "having communist leanings" and "stirring race discord" for commenting that the Zoot Suit Riots had roots in longstanding discrimination against Mexican-Americans; and

**WHEREAS**, June 3rd of this year marks the beginning of the 80th anniversary of the Zoot Suit Riots; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles City Council recognizes that the Zoot Suit Riots represent a dark chapter in our city's history; and

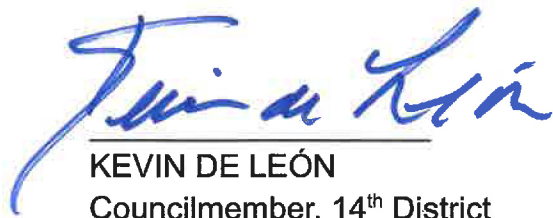
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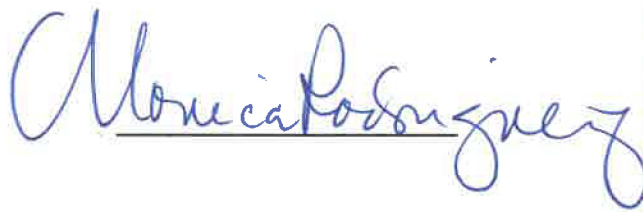
**WHEREAS**, the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles must apologize for responding to these racialized attacks by attempting to pass an ordinance to ban wearing Zoot Suits rather than seeking to protect the community who was directly targeted by this brutal multi-day assault; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Los Angeles City Council and the City of Los Angeles by adoption of this resolution hereby apologizes to the people and communities impacted by the Zoot Suit Riots and establishes June 3-9 each year as "Zoot Suit Heritage Week".

PRESENTED BY:

  
KEVIN DE LEÓN  
Councilmember, 14<sup>th</sup> District

SECONDED BY:



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**Resolution  
Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA)**

WHEREAS, Soledad Enrichment Action is a nonprofit organization that serves youth and their families at risk of gangs, drugs and violence; and

WHEREAS, SEA was founded in 1972 by Mothers in East Los Angeles whose sons had been killed by gang violence; and

WHEREAS, SEA provides quality social services in areas of violence prevention and crisis response through the City of Los Angeles Mayor's office of Gang Reduction and Youth Development (GRYD) since its inception in July of 2007; and

WHEREAS, SEA currently operates 45 contracts to provide the following services; workforce development, youth and adult intervention, prevention, reentry and diversion services as a comprehensive strategy to a defined smart decarceration policy agenda; and


WHEREAS, SEA is guided by a theory of change model that takes heed to the housing crisis facing the City of Los Angeles and has taken on building capacity in the areas of affordable housing production and preservation so that every Angeleno can live in decent, safe and sanitary housing conditions; and

WHEREAS, SEA believes in the tenets of community and economic development and in that spirit has partnered with a leading private sector meals manufacturer to create a social enterprise initiative; Realizing Dreams Community Kitchen (RDCK) that will prepare youth and adults in the rapidly growing food service and hospitality industry with job creation, case management into career pathways; and

WHEREAS, SEA agrees with the public health adage that one's zip code should never define one's health status and therefore has been steadfast in helping build a regional voice for wellness. SEA has provided community health worker (CHW) outreach to the communities most adversely impacted by the Covid-19 virus and Type 2 Diabetes in a holistic effort to help ameliorate health disparities; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by adoption of this Resolution, The Los Angeles City Council along with the Mayor, City Attorney and City Controller congratulate Soledad Enrichment Action (SEA) on more than 50 years of service to Los Angeles children, youth and their families.

PRESENTED BY

  
**CURREN D. PRICE, JR.**  
Councilmember, 9<sup>th</sup> District

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## Resolution

**WHEREAS**, since its creation in 2014, Grupo Firme has become one of the most beloved and successful Mexican regional bands after their discovery on social media. The band consists of lead singer Eduin Caz; Jhonny Caz (vocals); Abraham Hernández (vocals and tuba); Joaquín Ruiz (bajo sexto guitar); Christian Téllez (bass); José “Fito” Rubio (drums); and Dylan Camacho (accordion); and

**WHEREAS**, during the 2020 lockdown, Grupo Firme released simple and relatable music videos that showcased the band’s natural charisma and monstrous talent, these videos are what put the group on the map, helping them to achieve millions of views. Today their most popular video has over 488 million views and is still growing; and

**WHEREAS**, lead singer Eduin Caz took charge of the group’s social media profiles, having studied marketing at Universidad Autónoma de Baja California, he used his education to help the group skyrocket into success, capitalizing on their social media presence; and

**WHEREAS**, Grupo Firme has reached the level of crossover sensation, breaking barriers by reaching this success while still holding onto their Tijuana roots. Their success has expanded outside of Mexico to the U.S. and beyond with over 16,000,000 monthly listeners on Spotify; and

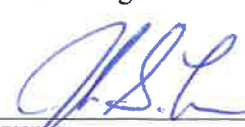
**WHEREAS**, The Latin Grammy award-winning band incorporates traditional music with pop and urban elements, making their music easily appreciated by all, no matter the listener’s native language or background; and

**WHEREAS**, Grupo Firme has broken multiple barriers during their time in the limelight, they have become the first Regional Mexican band to feature an openly gay member, the third musica-mexicana act to have a song in the Billboard Hot 100 (Ya Supérame), the first banda ensemble to play Coachella in 2022, the first banda ensemble to do a U.S. stadium tour- which few Latin artists have been able to do, limited to only a few other acts including Bad Bunny and Los Bukis; and

**WHEREAS**, since their previous stadium tour in 2022 “Enfiestados y Amanecidos” where they sold out two shows at SoFi Stadium, they have returned for a one-night-only performance on May 27, 2023. Making them the first band to ever play consecutive years at SoFi Stadium.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that by adoption of this Resolution, the Los Angeles City Council declares May 27th as Grupo Firme Day in the City of Los Angeles.

Presented by:

  
JOHN S. LEE  
Councilmember, 12<sup>th</sup> District

Seconded by:



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