

ACCELERATED REVIEW PROCESS - E

Office of the City Engineer

Los Angeles California

To the Honorable Council

Of the City of Los Angeles

Honorable Members:

SEP 13 2013

C. D. No. 13

SUBJECT:

Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street - Walk of Fame Additional Name in Terrazzo Sidewalk –  
KENNY “BABYFACE” EDMONDS

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

- A. That the City Council designate the unnumbered location situated one sidewalk square southerly of and between numbered locations 89A and 89a as shown on Sheet #11 of Plan D-13788 for the Hollywood Walk of Fame for the installation of the name of Kenny “Babyface” Edmonds at 6270 Hollywood Boulevard.
- B. Inform the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce of the Council’s action on this matter.
- C. That this report be adopted prior to the date of the ceremony on October 10, 2013.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

No General Fund Impact. All cost paid by permittee.

TRANSMITTALS:


1. Unnumbered communication dated August 28, 2013, from the Hollywood Historic Trust of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, biographical information and excerpts from the minutes of the Chamber’s meeting with recommendations.

DISCUSSION:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has submitted a request for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame the name of Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds. The ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.

The communicant's request is in accordance with City Council action of October 18, 1978, under Council File No. 78-3949. Following the Council's action of approval, and upon proper application and payment of the required fee, an installation permit can be secured at 201 N. Figueroa Street, 3rd Floor, Counter 23.

Respectfully submitted,

*for*   
Lemuel M. Paco, P.E.  
Central District Engineer  
Bureau of Engineering

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cc: Construction Services Center, Counter 23  
Bureau of Street Services  
Administration



August 28, 2013

Mr. Gary L. Moore  
Public Works Engineering  
Att: Lemuel Paco  
201 N. Figueroa, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, M.S. 503  
Los Angeles, CA 90014

Dear Mr. Moore:

The Walk of Fame Committee of the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce has approved the below listed name for insertion into the Hollywood Walk of Fame:

**KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS - (Category --RECORDING)** Requested star location to be 6270 Hollywood Boulevard near The W Hotel Hollywood situated on the South side of the street. The star for **KENNY "BABYFACE EDMONDS"** will be placed in the second row next to the original row closest to the property next to Steve Harvey also in the second row. The stars situated in the original row where star is near are **BEN BERNIE ( 89A )** to the east, and **LENA HORNE (89a)** to the west. **THE STAR WILL POINT EAST.** According to sheet # 10 plan 13788, **KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS'** star is in the second row and has no designated number. **The dedication ceremony is scheduled for Thursday, October 10, 2013 at 11:30 a.m.**

Thank you for your cooperation in this request. I look forward to a response from your office soon.

The following materials are enclosed:

**KENNY "BABYFACE" EDMONDS** bio, the Board of Director's Minutes.

Sincerely,

Arta Martinez  
Vice President, Media Relations, Producer Walk of Fame

cc:

Mayor Garcetti  
Councilman O'Farrell  
Sally Castro  
Sgt. Lamont Jerrett

Leron Gubler  
Ralph Pipes  
Top End Const.  
Carmine Goglia

Susan Markeim  
Maureen O'Connor  
Darin Cohen  
Hannibal Harris

JUNE 18, 2008 - Hollywood Chamber of Commerce Board of Directors Minutes

The following celebrities were selected to be honored with Walk of Fame stars during the annual Walk of Fame selection meeting on June 13, 2004. The names presented by Chairman Earl Lestz are as follows:

The Walk of Fame recipients for the year 2009 are:

**MOTION PICTURES:** Tinkerbell, Tim Burton, Leslie Caron, Cameron Diaz, Robert Downey, Jr., Charles Durning, Ralph Fiennes, Hugh Jackman, Sir Ben Kingsley and William H. Macy

**TELEVISION:** Mark Burnett, Felicity Huffman, Chuck Lorte, William Petersen, Kyra Sedgwick, and John Stamos

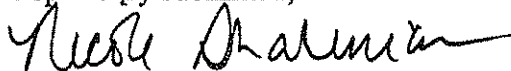
**RECORDING:** Kenny "Baby Face" Edmonds, Dave Koz, The Miracles, Doug Morris, RUSH, Shakira and The Village People

**RADIO:** Bill Handel and Harry Shearer

Motion was made by Diehl and seconded by Goldman to accept the recommendations of the Walk of Fame Selection Committee for the 2009 Walk of Fame recipients. Motion Passed.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:10 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Nicole Shahenian  
Vice President of Public Policy

## Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds

If you were to closely examine the annals of modern pop music history, few creative forces have been more seminal or impacted the contemporary pop/urban genres as much as Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds. In a relatively short time, he has reached icon status as a poignant tunesmith, prolific hit maker/producer, superstar recording artist, and revolutionary label owner. He is a statistical juggernaut, who keeps adding milestone after milestone to a legacy that seems to have no threshold or peak in sight.

A 10-time Grammy winner with 11 solo albums of his own, Edmonds' impeccably crafted explorations of love, romance and relationships have made an indelible imprint on the evolution of contemporary pop music throughout the world: over 125 Top-10 R&B and Pop hits, 42 #1's R&B hits, and 51 Top-10 Pop hits (including 16 #1's), which have produced single and album sales in excess of over 500 million units worldwide.

Just a few of the vocalists from which his music can be heard: Whitey Houston, Boyz II Men, Mariah Carey, Madonna, Eric Clapton, Mary J. Blige, Michael Jackson, TLC, Toni Braxton, Celine Dion, John Mellencamp, Brandy, Aretha Franklin, Fall Out Boy, Pink, Charlie Wilson, and Chrisette Michele. Most recently, he co-wrote and produced Beyoncé's single, "Best Thing I Never Had" and several songs for Boyz II Men's recent CD release and Anthony Hamilton's new CD "Back to Love" including the single "Woo."

He is the recipient of numerous awards, including Soul Train Music Awards, BMI Awards, NAACP Image Awards, and American Music Awards. Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds was the recipient of the third BET Walk of Fame Award (previous honorees were Michael Jackson and Whitney Houston), and was named BET's "Entertainer of the Year" at the *First Annual BET Awards Ceremony*.

Edmonds' charitable work is as impressive as his professional accomplishments. His caring and generosity have garnered him several awards, including the Essence Award for Excellence, The City of Hope Award, and Variety Magazine's "Top of the Town" Honoree Award. He was National Spokesman for Boarder Babies, and personally helped raise over \$500,000 for a transitional home, The Little Blue House, located in Washington D.C. Kenny "Babyface" Edmonds has also personally donated over \$100,000 to the VH-1 Save the Music program. He continues to contribute to a host of other worthwhile organizations, including the United Negro College Fund (UNCF).

In 2008, Kenny Edmonds combined his musical prowess with his charitable efforts, cowriting and producing the song "Just Stand Up" with longtime partner Antonio "L.A." Reid, which served as the backbone of a multi-network breast cancer awareness special. The song featured such current heavyweights as Beyonce, Rihanna, Mariah Carey, Mary J. Blige, Leona Lewis, Carrie Underwood, Miley Cyrus and Sheryl Crow. Most recently, Edmonds and Reid were honored by the Noble Awards for their contribution to Stand Up To Cancer.

Edmonds most recent production with other artists includes Barbra Streisand, Celine Dion, Keri Hilson, Ledisi and Ariana Grande.

Edmonds is currently in the studio working on a duet album with Toni Braxton due out fall of 2013.