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Brenda Marsh-Mitchell, 67, an activist who worked with several nonprofit organizations that served the African American community in Los Angeles passed away on Sunday August 3, 2014.

Brenda Marsh-Mitchell was born in Los Angeles on April 13, 1947. She attended Jefferson High School and earned her diploma through the continuation program at Tracy High School in Cerritos. She was a member of the National Council of Negro Women and the director of community relations for the Brotherhood Crusade, which sponsors a variety of programs. Working with that group, she organized an event that provided food for the homeless, and she helped organize local participants for the Million Man March in Washington in 1995.

She was president and chief executive of Mothers in Action, which held an annual back-to-school event at which students from ages 5 to 15 could get health screenings, immunizations, school supplies and even haircuts, all at no cost. Marsh-Mitchell was also assistant to the executive publisher of the Sentinel, Danny Bakewell Sr. In that position, she was the major force behind the organization and staging of the Taste of Soul Festival which takes place along Crenshaw Boulevard every fall since 2006.

In recognition of Brenda Marsh-Mitchell's remarkable service to the community, and in marking this year the 81st anniversary of founding of the Los Angeles Sentinel, the 46th anniversary of founding of the Brotherhood Crusade, and the 9th anniversary of founding of the Taste of Soul festival, it is appropriate that the City honor her by naming the intersection at Crenshaw Boulevard and Coliseum Street as "Brenda Marsh-Mitchell Square."

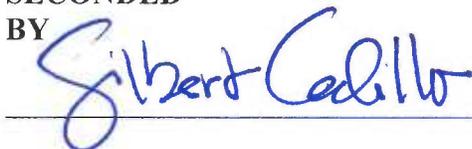
I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Crenshaw Boulevard and Coliseum Street be named as "Brenda Marsh-Mitchell Square," and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

**PRESENTED
BY**


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Councilmember, 10th District


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