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T.Larry Kirkland was appointed by the late Bishop H.H. Brookins as the first pastor of Brookins Community A.M.E. Church, 4831 S. Gramercy Place in Los Angeles. During his nearly 20-year tenure, the sanctuary was renovated, surrounding properties were purchased, several outreach ministries established and more than 8,000 people added to the church rolls. Also, Brookins became renowned for its socio-political advocacy on behalf of the residents of South Los Angeles.


In 1996, then Rev. Kirkland was elected and consecrated as the 114th Bishop of the A.M.E. Church and has since served with distinction in the denomination's 9th, 17th and 5th Episcopal Districts. He has also held assignments as Ecumenical Officer, Bishop's Council President and General Board President of the A.M.E. Church.

Currently, Bishop Kirkland is chief shepherd of the 5th District which includes 16 Western and coastal states. His outstanding legacy began at Brookins A.M.E. and we would like Councilman Parks help in recognizing him.

In recognition of Bishop T. Larry Kirkland's many years of commitment and service to the community it is appropriate that the City designate the intersection of 48th Street and South Gramercy Place as "Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Square"

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of 48th Street and South Gramercy Place be named as "Bishop T. Larry Kirkland Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location, in consultation with Council District 8, in recognition of Bishop Kirkland's outstanding legacy of vigorously advocating on behalf of the underserved and disadvantaged people in Los Angeles, as well as nationwide.

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