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No other public official has embodied the spirit and energy of the City of Los Angeles more than 4th District Councilmember Tom LaBonge. A lifelong Angeleno, Councilmember LaBonge has been the biggest booster of all things remarkable about this City.

It is hard not to recall an encounter with Councilmember LaBonge. Out of town visitors are asked where they are from and handed a map to Griffith Park. Locals are always asked which high school they attended, and he will correctly name the mascot. In fact, one can meet individuals across the globe and be separated by "Six (or less) degrees of Tom LaBonge."

Mr. LaBonge grew up in Silver Lake and attended Ivanhoe Elementary, Thomas Starr King Middle and John Marshall High schools. Mr. LaBonge was captain of his high school varsity football team, and his love for the sport is evident in his daily life (think football coming at you at 5:30 am on the Mt. Hollywood trail).

While in high school, Mr. LaBonge was appointed to Mayor Tom Bradley's Youth Council and served as a representative on civic issues. It was there that his passion for public service began. That same spirit of helping all people has stayed with him until this day.

Since graduating from Marshall, Mr. LaBonge has contributed significantly to the Barrister community. Mr. LaBonge joined the "Citizens to Save Marshall" effort when the Gothic Main Building of his alma mater was slated for demolition after the 1971 Sylmar earthquake. Through his advocacy the tower was saved and reopened in September 1980. As Councilmember, Mr. LaBonge worked tirelessly with the LAUSD Board of Education and the County of Los Angeles to fund and construct the new Mike Haynes Stadium & Hugh Boyd Field, which are used for both football games and track events.

It is only appropriate that the intersection of Tracy and St. George streets be named after the proud Barrister alum and accomplished Councilmember TOM LABONGE for all his numerous contributions to John Marshall High School during his lifelong devotion to public service.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Tracy and St. George streets be named "**TOM LABONGE SQUARE**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY 
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Councilmember, 13th District



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