

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to naming the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street as Moshe Rubin Memorial Square.

Recommendations for Council action, as initiated by Motion (Koretz – Blumenfield):

1. APPROVE the naming of the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street as Moshe Rubin Memorial Square in recognition of religious freedom, diversity and tolerance.
2. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at, or suitably near, this location.

Fiscal Impact Statement: Neither the City Administrative Officer nor the Chief Legislative Analyst has completed a financial analysis of this report.

Community Impact Statement: None submitted.

SUMMARY

On August 4, 2015, Council considered Motion (Koretz – Blumenfield) relative to naming the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street as Moshe Rubin Memorial Square. Motion states that this location is adjacent to Rabbi Chaim Baruch Rubin's shul where Moshe was a beloved presence through his 16 years of life. Moshe suffered from Down Syndrome, but that did not prevent him from being a one-man welcoming crew for everyone who attended the shul. According to Motion, in 2004, Moshe's Bar Mitzvah was being held at the shul. There was community opposition to Moshe and his gathering walking down the street with a Torah, a typical Bar Mitzvah ritual, and the LAPD was needed to provide an escort. Naming the square after Moshe is more than a tribute to a spirited young man who had Down Syndrome. It also is a tribute to religious freedom, diversity, and tolerance. Motion movers recommend that the intersection of Highland Avenue and 3rd Street be designated Moshe Rubin Memorial Square. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held October 26, 2015, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



MEMBER VOTE

BUSCAINO: YES

MARTINEZ: ABSENT

PRICE: ABSENT
O'FARRELL: YES
RYU: YES

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