

TRANSPORTATION

MOTION

Dolphin's of Hollywood Records, founded by John Dolphin in 1948, was one of the first African-American owned record stores established in Los Angeles. The record store was located at 1065 East Vernon Avenue on the corner of Central Avenue and Vernon Avenue in South Los Angeles. The record store brought people of all colors together through music.

Dolphin's of Hollywood Records was a prime factor in the emergence of rhythm and blues music on the West Coast by its sales of records and the location of landmark R&B radio broadcasts by Hunter Hancock and Dick "Huggie Boy" Hugg. Hits like "Earth Angel (Will You Be Mine)", by the doo-wap group The Penguins, were first released during a live broadcast inside Dolphin's of Hollywood Records.

Central Avenue was a hub for jazz music in Los Angeles and brought figures such as Duke Ellington, Nat King Cole, Jelly Roll Morton, Louis Armstrong, Lionel Hampton, Joe Turner, Billie Holiday and Charlie Parker to perform. Dolphin's of Hollywood Records was one of the first businesses to be open 24 hours even on Sundays, also first to offer "Buy One Get One Free" for purchases of any record in the store.

The naming of the intersection of Central Avenue and Vernon Avenue as "Dolphin's of Hollywood Records Square" is in recognition of the record store's role in history relative to jazz and R&B music.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Central Avenue and Vernon Avenue be named as "Dolphin's of Hollywood Records Square" in recognition of the record store's role in history relative to jazz and R&B music.

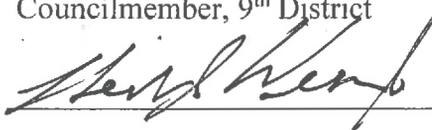
I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at or suitably near this location.

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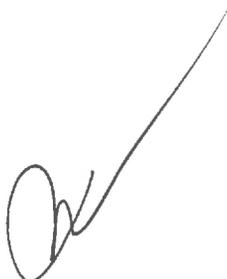


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