

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE REPORT relative to naming Central Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Slauson Avenue as Central Avenue Historic Corridor.

Recommendations for Council action, pursuant to Motion (Price – Ryu):

1. APPROVE the naming of Central Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Slauson Avenue as Central Avenue Historic Corridor.
2. DIRECT the Los Angeles Department of Transportation to fabricate and install appropriate ceremonial signs to this effect at 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 February 10, 2017, Council considered Motion (Price – Ryu) relative to naming Central Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Slauson Avenue as Central Avenue Historic Corridor. Motion states that in the early 20th century, the population of African-Americans in South Los Angeles grew rapidly. During this period, African-Americans established organizations and institutions that defined and defended the community. Though African-Americans lived throughout Los Angeles, this historic area held the concentration of African-American families.

Motion goes on to state that in the 1940's, South Los Angeles was home to African-American owned businesses and service providers, and a thriving jazz, music theatre and rhythm and blues music scene. During World War II and its aftermath, African-Americans flooded the employment ranks of the local defense industry. Many citizens found jobs in nearby factories owned by Goodyear, Firestone, Chrysler, and Ford. The area has undergone remarkable changes over the years. Motion movers recommend that Council designate Central Avenue from Washington Boulevard to Slauson Avenue as Central Avenue Historic Corridor to commemorate its history. Council referred Motion to the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee for consideration.

At its meeting held February 27, 2017, the Public Works and Gang Reduction Committee recommended that Council approve Motion.

Respectfully Submitted,

PUBLIC WORKS AND GANG REDUCTION COMMITTEE



| <u>MEMBER</u> | <u>VOTE</u> |
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| BUSCAINO: | YES |
| MARTINEZ: | YES |
| PRICE: | ABSENT |
| O'FARRELL: | ABSENT |
| RYU: | YES |

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