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Harry Williams was born in 1933 in Fort Worth, Texas. After serving as a medic in the Army for two years, he moved to California in 1958. In 1984, Harry moved to Arleta and worked several jobs, including bus driver, chauffer, and a position at Lockheed.

After a neighbor asked Harry to join him in starting a neighborhood watch group, they created the Arleta Looky Loos. On Saturday mornings, with Harry leading the way, the Looky Loos would paint over graffiti and clean up the community. Hearing of his hard work and dedication to his community, Galpin Ford awarded Harry an electric cart to help him patrol the community for areas to clean.

During elections, City Council candidates would speak at the Looky Loos meetings. These meetings became an important forum for elected officials to speak to their constituents – they voluntarily requested time to speak at these meetings.

Harry is also one of the original founders of the Arleta Neighborhood Council. He attended countless meetings to help create the Council’s bylaws and enact his vision of a neighborhood council that would become constituents’ “voice for the community.” Harry also spent several years working closely with the Foothill Police Department on the Community Police Advisory Board, and holds the respect of police officers and community members for his unending efforts to keep his community safe for all.

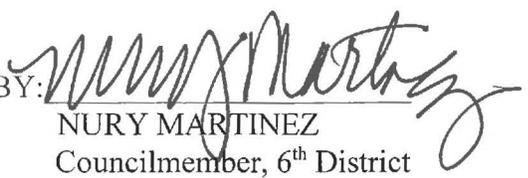
The Arleta community recognized the time and dedication Harry has given his community with the “Harry Williams” award, presented to him at the very first Arleta Neighborhood Council-sponsored “National Night Out” celebration.

It is fitting that the Los Angeles City Council also recognize Harry’s dedication to Arleta with a sign on the northeast corner of Beachy Avenue and Terra Bella Street designating the intersection as “Harry Williams Square.”

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Beachy Avenue and Terra Bella Street be named as “**Harry Williams Square**” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location, in consultation with Council District 6.

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