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Created by Walter H. Leimert in 1927, Leimert Park was one of Los Angeles' first planned communities. Until 1948, the one and a half square mile community was restricted to Caucasian residents. Spurred by the African-American diaspora and the abolishment of racially restrictive housing covenants, Leimert Park transformed into a predominantly African-American community.

The core of Leimert Park is Leimert Park Village, which consists of Leimert Plaza Park, two blocks of 43rd Street, and one block of Degnan Boulevard. Leimert Park Village has historically served as a hub of African-American art and culture in Los Angeles. Leimert Park Village has at times been compared to both Harlem and Greenwich Village. At its peak, the neighborhood was home to jazz cafes, performance spaces, and the famous Brockman Gallery which was the foremost gallery for showcasing African-American art in Los Angeles. Following the 1992 riots, the community opened new businesses in Leimert Park Village and reinforced the areas' historic status as a community gathering place and cultural center. Today, Leimert Park Village continues to serve as a community gathering place, hosting an array of cultural events and housing numerous unique African-American operated businesses.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council designate the area between the intersections at Vernon Avenue and Crenshaw Boulevard, 43rd Street and Crenshaw Boulevard, Leimert Boulevard and 43rd Street, Leimert Boulevard and Vernon Avenue, and Degnan Boulevard and 43rd Street as "Historic Leimert Park Village" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at these locations.

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