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The Italian presence in Los Angeles dates to the 1820s when the region was part of Mexico. Historical records trace the arrival of Giovanni Leandri, the first known Italian to arrive in Los Angeles, to 1827. Upon arrival in Los Angeles, many Italian immigrants settled area around what is now the Arts District and Civic Center. By the late 1800s, the City's Italian population had grown to around 2,000, with many of the immigrants settling around El Pueblo. By the 1900s, the Italian community had expanded into present-day Chinatown. The community would eventually stretch into Lincoln Heights, the foothills of Elysian Park, and San Pedro, which is now home to the region's largest concentration of persons of Italian ancestry. It is appropriate for the City to memorialize the vibrant enclaves that comprise an important part of our City's history and multicultural fabric.

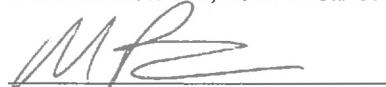
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council name the area between the intersections at 9th Street and Gaffey Street, 9th Street and Pacific Avenue, 6th Street and Pacific Avenue, 6th Street and Mesa Street, 12th Street and Gaffey Street, and 12th Street and Mesa Street; and 13th Street and Gaffey Street, 17th Street and Gaffey Street, 13th Street and Mesa Street, and 17th Street and Mesa Street, as "Historic Little Italy."

I FURTHER MOVE the City Council direct the Department of Transportation to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at these locations.

PRESENTED BY:

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SECONDED BY:



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