

MOTION

For nearly thirty years, Mackey Cleaners was located at 6504 South Main Street in South Los Angeles. The business was established by Laurene Mackey and was later operated by her son. Prior to owning her own business, Mrs. Mackey worked for the prior dry cleaning business located at 6504 South Main Street for many years. In 1963, Mrs. Mackey's employer offered to sell her the business for \$500. Her employer believed Mrs. Mackey's dedicated service made her the ideal person to continue the business. Mrs. Mackey accepted the offer, christening her business "Mackey Cleaners," becoming one of the few African American women to own a dry cleaning business in South Los Angeles.

As a long time employee in the dry cleaning industry, Mrs. Mackey had experience managing employees and applied those skills to her business. As a new business owner, she was inexperienced in many aspects of operating a business. With time, Mrs. Mackey developed the business skills necessary to successfully own and operate Mackey Cleaners for twenty years. Two years into owning Mackey Cleaners, Mrs. Mackey successfully protected her business from damage during the 1965 civil unrest. In 1983, Mrs. Mackey passed the business on to her son. Unfortunately, Mackey Cleaners was destroyed in the 1992 civil unrest and no longer stands at 6504 South Main Street.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at East 65th Street and South Main Street be named as "Mackey Cleaners Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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