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MOTION

Dr. Amarjit Singh Marwah was born in India on February 4, 1926. In 1950, Dr. Marwah came to New York to study pediatric dentistry on a scholarship from the Guggenheim Foundation. He received an M.S. in oral pathology at the University of Illinois at Chicago College of Dentistry and a D.D.S. from Howard University in Washington, D.C.

In 1962, Dr. Marwah settled in Los Angeles, joining the faculty at the University of Southern California (USC) School of Dentistry. Dr. Marwah later opened his private dentistry practice on Crenshaw Boulevard. Dr. Marwah has practiced dentistry for over 50 years, providing care for celebrities such as Elizabeth Taylor while also serving impoverished individuals through USC's Dental Clinic.

A multifaceted leader with global influence, Dr. Marwah has served his community both in Los Angeles and abroad. In 1974, Mayor Bradley appointed Dr. Marwah to serve as the Chair of the Cultural Heritage and Hollywood Art Commission. Dr. Marwah served in that role for 18 years. During his tenure, he helped establish many key cultural sites as Historic-Cultural Monuments, including the Nineteenth Century Los Angeles Chinese Cemetery Shrine, Barnsdall Art Park, the Hollywood Walk of Fame, Grauman's Chinese Theatre, and Union Station.

In 1968, Dr. Marwah worked with Mayor Yorty to establish Mumbai (then known as Bombay) as a Sister City of Los Angeles. Dr. Marwah was also instrumental in establishing the Hollywood Sikh Temple, donating a building for that purpose in honor of the 500th anniversary of Guru Nanak, the founder of the Sikh religion. Dr. Marwah has also been a champion of education, establishing scholarships and founding the KK Marwah Girls College in Faridkot, Punjab. Dr. Marwah was also instrumental in electing Dalip Singh Saund to the United States House of Representatives to represent the Imperial Valley. Mr. Saund was the first Indian American elected to Congress.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Finley Avenue and Vermont Avenue be named as "Dr. Amarjit Singh Marwah 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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