

MOTION

Don "Campbellock" Campbell is an African American dancer, choreographer, and hip-hop pioneer. Don was born in St. Louis, Missouri on January 7, 1951. In 1961, his family relocated to South Central Los Angeles. Interested in art, Don enrolled in Los Angeles Trade Technical College to study commercial art. Through his art, Don met a group of students who were well known local dancers. Don grew interested in dancing and was taught many of the popular dance moves of the era.

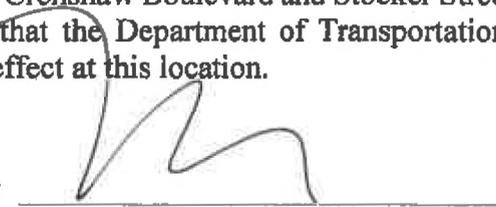
While practicing these popular dance moves, Don invented "locking" and later named his signature dance "The Campbellock." Don danced at countless parties and dance clubs in South Central Los Angeles including Maverick's Flat and others locations on Crenshaw Boulevard. In 1971, Don joined the cast of Soul Train. At the time, Soul Train was a new but widely watched show and offered Don the opportunity to display Campbellocking. The show gained such popularity that Don and his fellow Soul Train dancers toured nationally. The tour highlighted the dancers' popularity and convinced Don that dancers' should be compensated for their work on Soul Train. In 1973, Don was removed from the program for attempting to organize a walk out in support of dancers' rights.

Following his dismissal, Don gathered other talented dancers and formed a group known as "The Lockers." The Lockers began touring and performed with many well-known entertainers. Locking quickly became a worldwide phenomenon. In 1999, The Lockers were honored at the first ever hip-hop conference at The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame. Don's performance outfits became part of an exhibit designed to promote hip-hop culture and were displayed both in The Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and abroad.

Don Campbell and The Lockers transformed street dance, inspired future generations of hip-hop dancers and choreographers, and broke racial barriers across the United States. Don Campbell is widely recognized for his unique and lasting contributions to hip-hop dance.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Crenshaw Boulevard and Stocker Street be named "Don 'Campbellock' Campbell 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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