

SUBSTITUTE – Item 16

MOTION

Yma Sumac was born on September 13, 1922 in Callao, Peru. As a teenager, she began performing Peruvian Folkloric music in Lima. She was eventually discovered by the Peruvian folk musician and composer, Moisés Vivanco, who she would perform with and go on to marry. In 1946, Sumac and Vivanco moved to New York City. Sumac became an American citizen in 1955.


Continuing to perform, Sumac was then discovered by a Capitol Records talent scout and moved to Hollywood. She would go on to record six albums with Capitol Records, star in two Hollywood films, make two world concert tours, and be honored with a star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame.

Known for her unique five-octave vocal range, Sumac became a Peruvian American icon and spent the rest of her life and career in Los Angeles. She passed away on November 1, 2008 at the age of 86.

In recognition of Sumac’s trailblazing career and in honor of what would have been her 100th birthday on September 13, 2022, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of Hollywood Boulevard and Wilcox Avenue, the same location as her star on the Walk of Fame, as “Yma Sumac Square.”

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Hollywood Boulevard and Wilcox Avenue be named as “**Yma Sumac Square**” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

PRESENTED BY: _____


MITCH O'FARRELL
Councilmember, 13th District

SECONDED BY: _____



September 14, 2022



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