

MOTION

On September 16th, 2022, Mahsa (Zhin) Amini died following complications from physical abuse, which she sustained while in custody in the back of a police truck in Tehran, Iran. Mahsa had been arrested by the Iranian government's Morality Police for allegedly wearing her hijab loosely, a violation of Iran's strict dress code for women.


While tragic, Mahsa's death was not in vain. At her funeral, women removed their hijabs in solidarity, sending a powerful message to the oppressive Iranian regime and sparking a nation-wide movement. Women across Iran joined in protest, with millions risking their lives to protest the Morality Police and their dress code. To date, nearly 500 women have been murdered by the Iranian Government, with hundreds at risk for execution. But nevertheless, millions more have continued, with their slogan "Women. Life. Freedom." heard across the world.

In Los Angeles, there has been strong support for the renaming of the intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Rochester Avenue, "Women Life Freedom Square" in solidarity with this movement, and the global fight for women's equality. Doing so will serve as a powerful symbol of the ongoing struggle for women's rights everywhere, and a tribute to the many brave and courageous souls who have fought for this cause.

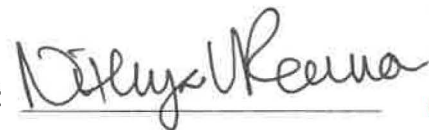
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City of Los Angeles recognize the life and death of Mahsa Amini and the International Women Life Freedom Movement, by naming the intersection of Westwood Boulevard and Rochester Avenue as "WOMEN LIFE FREEDOM SQUARE" In memory of Mahsa Amini.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation, with the assistance of other City departments, as needed, and in consultation with Council District Five, be directed to design and install the appropriate sign(s) at this location to implement the above action.

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