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Dr. "Sweet" Alice Harris is a prominent community activist in Los Angeles. Mrs. Alice Harris has dedicated her life to mentoring youth and providing assistance to people who are disadvantaged or underserved. She is the Executive Director and founder of the Parents of Watts Working with Youth's and Adults Inc., a social services organization that she started out of her home in the mid-1960s as a way to alleviate tensions in her culturally diverse neighborhood of Watts after the 1965 riots.

Affectionately known as Sweet Alice, she is known worldwide for her generosity and empathy. She is a highly regarded neighborhood advocate who works closely with elected officials and often serves as a liaison between parents and their children's schools. Throughout her ninety years of life, she has tirelessly dedicated herself to uplifting and empowering the residents of Watts as well as anyone who walks through her doors. Furthermore, she has been a vocal proponent of education, encouraging young people to pursue academic excellence and strive for a brighter future.

Her unwavering commitment to social change and her passion for empowering others have earned her widespread admiration and respect. Today, Dr. Sweet Alice Harris continues to be a formidable force for positive change and her legacy serves as a testament to the transformative power of community activism and grassroots initiatives. Harris' impact extends far beyond the boundaries of Watts; she has inspired countless individuals and organizations to make a difference in their communities. Through working with youth and adults for over the last 50 years, Sweet Alice will continue to leave an indelible mark on Watts.

I THEREFORE MOVE that Lou Dillon Ave, from Santa Ana Blvd N to E 107th Street, in Watts be designated as "Dr. "Sweet" Alice Row", and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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