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LETTER OF OPPOSITION

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**Re: opposition to Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez Motion titled
The Guatemalan Community Landmark Naming Project
Council File 24-0491**

I, Nancy Marlené Lopez, am writing this letter because I want to express my deep opposition to **The Guatemalan Community Landmark Naming Project** that was presented in a motion by Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez which was seconded by Councilwoman Heather Hutt and that is currently being fast tracked through the Los Angeles City Council various committees.

I oppose this project because I am aware of the fact that Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez is not the original author and or pioneer in this effort to achieve representation and visibility to the Guatemalan Community in the City of Los Angeles.

This project was originally presented by the community in a proposed project titled “The Guatemalan Square” that was later referred to as Council File 22-1094. The applicants of Council File 22-1094 alongside various other community members, residents, constituents, and local area nonprofits worked tirelessly for a period of about 20 months to follow what they believed was “proper procedure.” For 20 months the applicants of Council File 22-1094 which included a local attorney and nonprofit director were lied to, mislead, deceived, and disrespected.

I oppose this project because the applicants of Council File 22-1094 have discovered how Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez and her staff member Jose Rodriguez actively participated in sabotaging the proposed community project titled “The Guatemalan Square.”

I oppose this project because Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez seeks to pass this project to cover her unethical and perhaps unlawful conduct. The way Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez has treated the applicants of “The Guatemalan Square, alongside the various other community members, residents, constituents, and local area nonprofits is a gross departure of her oath to serve the people of Los Angeles District 1.

I oppose this project because as someone born and raised in MacArthur Park I have always dreamed of community representation for my Guatemalan parents in our community. Representation led by the people for the people. Alejandro and his team collected over 800 signatures including mine from the community, that is the kind of representation we want. I truly hope you hear our voices.

Submitted by,

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