

MOTION

Born in the vibrant city of New Orleans in 1940, Sika Dwimfo's artistic journey has spanned decades and continents, leaving an indelible mark on the world of jewelry design and the cultural landscape of Leimert Park.

Sika's artistic odyssey began in 1953 when he relocated to the artistic haven of Chicago. By 1971, his journey led him to the creative heartbeat of Los Angeles, where he would soon emerge as a revered Master Jeweler and influential figure in the community.

Throughout his illustrious career, Sika Dwimfo has garnered accolades and honorable mentions at numerous art festivals. His craftsmanship and artistic prowess have been sought after by legendary musicians, including Nina Simone, Abby Lincoln, Alice Coltrane, Roberta Flack, and many others. Sika's creations adorn the likes of jazz icons Rahsaan Roland Kirk, and Roy Haynes, as well as contemporary artists like Kamasi Washington and Ryan Porter.

Renowned for his unique skill of nose piercing by hand with 14-karat gold, a tradition dating back to the 1960s, Sika Dwimfo has become a singular force in the world of jewelry design. His store, aptly named Sika, became a cornerstone of Leimert Park in 1992. Celebrating an impressive 32 years in the heart of the community, Sika's influence goes beyond his exceptional craftsmanship. As Sika Dwimfo's store marks 32 years in Leimert Park, his legacy continues to thrive. Leimert Park owes much of its cultural vibrancy to the artistry, activism, and influence to Sika Dwimfo and should be honored for his contributions to the Leimert Park community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the alley that runs East and West between 4329 Degnan Blvd and 4335 Degnan Blvd be named as Sika Dwimfo Way and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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