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City of Los Angeles

Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging and Disability Committee

**RE: Support Councilwoman Hernandez's Motion to Name an area in honor of the Guatemalan Community.**

I am reaching out on behalf of **American Guatemala Asociacion (AGUA)** in support of Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez's motion to create a culturally significant area to recognize and celebrate the Guatemalan Community in Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles has honored its diverse residents by naming cultural landmarks and designating community areas, acknowledging the contribution of cultural groups and populations across the city. The Guatemalan community, with its significant contributions to our economy and social and cultural fabric, deserves this honor. We fully support this motion to recognize their invaluable role.

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We fully support Councilmember Hernandez's motion to create or facilitate a working group consisting of but not limited to individuals and organizations or businesses advocating for the Guatemalan Community, the Consul General of Guatemala, Council District 1, the Department of Cultural Affairs, and the Economic and Workforce Development Department, and the Board of Public Works; to report boundaries around a culturally significant area within the Westlake neighborhood that can be named in honor of the Guatemalan Community; developing a name for the area defined by working group, and initial plans for a cultural marker to be placed in the defined areas.

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Sincerely,

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Amarilys Ortiz, AGUA President



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Rosa Posadas, Executive Director