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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 writing in support of Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez's motion to create a culturally significant area to recognize and celebrate the Guatemalan Community in Los Angeles.

Casa De La Cultura Maya acknowledges the efforts and contributions that the Guatemalan community has made in the City of Los Angeles. Therefore, we believe it is important for the Guatemalan community to have its own recognition, similar to other cultures in the city. This support is in conjunction with the efforts and recognition that other countries and ethnic groups have received, such as Koreatown, Chinatown, and Japanese Town (Little Tokyo).

We at Casa De La Cultura Maya fully support Councilwoman Hernandez's motion to create a working group consisting of individuals and organizations 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.

This working group would define boundaries around a culturally significant area within the Westlake neighborhood that can be named in honor of the Guatemalan Community. It would also work on developing a name for the area and initial plans for a cultural marker to be placed in the defined area.

Please support Councilwoman Hernandez's motion to name an area in honor of the Guatemalan Community. Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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