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City of Los Angeles

Civil Rights, Equity, Immigration, Aging, and Disability Committees

RE: Support for Councilwoman Hernandez's Motion to Name an Area in Honor of the Guatemalan Community

I am writing on behalf of Casa del Diabetico Gualan-USA to express our full support for Councilwoman Eunisses Hernandez's motion to designate a culturally significant area to honor and celebrate the Guatemalan Community in Los Angeles. The City of Los Angeles has a commendable history of recognizing and celebrating its diverse residents by naming cultural landmarks and establishing community areas that pay tribute to the contributions of various cultural groups and populations throughout the city. The Guatemalan community, known for its substantial contributions to the economy and the social and cultural fabric of Los Angeles, is undoubtedly deserving of this recognition.

Casa del Diabetico Gualan-USA, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to supporting the growth and development of hard-working migrants from Guatemala and other countries residing in California, stands firmly behind Councilwoman Hernandez's motion. Our mission revolves around providing educational opportunities, preserving cultural customs, and fostering unity and compassion to uplift those striving to achieve their aspirations.

Councilwoman Hernandez aptly states in her motion, "It is time for the city to honor the Guatemalan community's work, presence, and culture." Given the significant presence of the Guatemalan community in Council District 1, the community seeks formal recognition through the establishment of a designated area. The Guatemalan Community Landmark Naming Project, as proposed, aims to convene a working group to identify a culturally significant area and marker that will spotlight and celebrate the rich history and contributions of the Guatemalan community while addressing their specific needs.



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We wholeheartedly endorse Councilwoman Hernandez's initiative and urge the Committees to support the creation of a working group, inclusive and diversified, to advance this important cause.

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I am reaching out on behalf of Asociacion de Migrantes Guatemaltecos, Los Angeles (AMGLA), 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.

AMGLA is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization dedicated to the growth and development of hard-working migrants from Guatemala and other countries who reside in California. Our primary focus is providing educational opportunities while promoting and preserving our cultural customs. In the spirit of unity and compassion, we strive to make a positive difference in the lives of those less fortunate who continue to work on their goals and dreams.

Councilmember Hernandez States in her motion, "It is time for the city to honor the Guatemalan community's work, presence, and culture. Due to their notable presence in Council District 1, the community is interested in formally creating a designated area to recognize this community's contribution. The Guatemalan Community Landmark Naming Project proposes to bring a working group together to identify a culturally significant area and marker to highlight and celebrate the history and contributions of the Guatemalan community while also developing tailored support to their needs".

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 ares.

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,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Rene Amiel", with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rene Amiel
Treasurer
Asociacion de Migrantes Guatemaltecos L.A