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For over thirty six years, Frank Miceli has been a stalwart and advocate for East Valley Baseball, an organization which offers baseball programming to the youth of the East San Fernando Valley, including the areas of Sun Valley, Panorama City, Pacoima, Arleta, and North Hollywood. As President of the East Valley Baseball Board, coach, mentor, and friend, he has touched the lives of thousands of kids. He can often be found at the local baseball facility personally mowing the grass, stocking the snack stand, and chasing gophers.

In 2004, the baseball complex at the corner of Whitsett and Strathern, which had been a centerpiece of the community since 1962, was in disrepair. Many city officials wanted to flatten the baseball complex and replace it with a soccer field. Instead, Frank Miceli and other city leaders revitalized the space by fixing broken gates, removing trash and debris, and ultimately transforming the facility into the local gem that it is today. In 2005, East Valley Baseball had its first Spring season with 87 players participating. In 2022, almost 500 kids participated. The baseball complex has become a delightful place for families to come together and for kids to play baseball.

As a tribute to all that Frank Miceli has done for the youth of Los Angeles, the corner of Whitsett and Strathern should be renamed in his honor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Whitsett and Strathern Square be designated "Frank Miceli" Square to honor Frank Miceli as a tribute to his contributions to the youth of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect a permanent ceremonial sign to this effect at this location.

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