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Connie Calderon served as the Executive Director of the Wilmington Teen Center. During her time with the teen center, she helped provide low-income families and teens mentorship, food, and better opportunities. She served as the Drill Sergeant and Community Organizer to the youth who walked through the doors of the Wilmington Teen Center. With her "tough love" strategy, she positively redirected the lives of many troubled youth away from gangs or prison cells. Connie never turned her back on a challenge and, at times, even stepped in to raise some of the children she served.

During her four decades as the Executive Director of the Wilmington Teen Center, she dedicated her time to creating a "safe haven" for children in need. She expanded the services and extracurricular activities available to the children to include boxing, tutoring, piano lessons, a game room, and a weight room. By simply keeping her youth active, she saved thousands of young lives. As the years went by, she continued to receive thousands of letters from the individuals she once supported, thanking her for her selflessness and unwavering love.

Although Connie Calderon recently passed away from Alzheimer's disease, her legacy at the Wilmington Teen Center continues to inspire others to positively contribute to the lives of children who depend on the teen center. The portrait and mural of her in the hallways of the Wilmington Teen Center serves to remind future generations of the legacy she left behind. Connie Calderon will never be forgotten by the Wilmington Community.

In recognition of Connie Calderon's contributions and service to the City, it is appropriate that the City honor her by naming the intersection of E Street & Bay View Avenue as "Connie Calderon Square".

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of E Street & Bay View Avenue in Wilmington be named as "Connie Calderon Square" and that the Los Angeles Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signs to this effect at this location.



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