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Dolores Wong was born in Vallejo, California on September 24, 1921 and was a fourth generation Californian whose great-grandmother had arrived in San Francisco in 1852. Dolores Wong was married to the late Judge Delbert Wong who was the first Chinese American to serve as a judge in the continental United States.

At a time when it was still uncommon for women, let alone Chinese American women, to attend college, Dolores was the first member of her family to pursue higher education, graduating from the University of California, Berkeley in 1942 and then earning a Master's degree from Smith College in 1946. Dolores worked as a psychiatric social worker in Boston, New Orleans, and Sacramento until the birth of her children. She then became a full-time mother but continued to invest many years in community volunteer work, particularly focused on the Los Angeles Chinese American community.

Dolores and Judge Wong supported many non-profit and community groups and served on the Executive Advisory Council for Asian Americans Advancing Justice - Los Angeles (Advancing Justice - LA), the nation's largest legal and civil rights organization for Asian Americans, Native Hawaiians, and Pacific Islanders. The Wong family generously supported Advancing Justice - LA over the years and their financial support enabled the organization to purchase its current home in downtown Los Angeles.

For her volunteer and advocacy work, Dolores was honored during her lifetime by many organizations including the YWCA, the Organization of Chinese Americans, the Asian Pacific Women's Network, Leadership Education for Asian Pacifics, the Chinatown Public Safety Association, and Friends of the Chinese American Museum. Dolores Wong's philanthropy also made it possible to fund and establish the first public library in Los Angeles' Chinatown, which Dolores considered to be one of her most satisfying contributions to the community.

Dolores Wong passed away on November 23, 2014. In recognition of Dolores Wong's contributions to the Chinese American community here in Los Angeles and to the City, it is appropriate that the City name the plaza at the intersection of Grand Avenue and Cesar E Chavez Avenue in Chinatown as "Dolores Wong Plaza."

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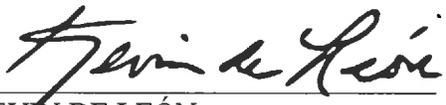
I THEREFORE MOVE that the plaza at the intersection at Grand Avenue and Cesar E Chavez Avenue be named as “**Dolores Wong Plaza**” and that the Bureau of Street Services and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.



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