

Ruby de Vera

Ruby de Vera started her career in the City of Los Angeles on February 12, 1996 as Field Deputy for the 14<sup>th</sup> District by Councilmember Richard Alatorre, where she covered the area of Eagle Rock. Over the course of her three and a half years in the position she accomplished the restoration of the old Eagle Rock Library and the converting it into the Eagle Rock Community Center, helped spearhead the dedication of the "Rock" to the community, organized the Concerts in the Park series, the Farmers Market, and a host of accomplishments which greatly improved the community;

In 1999, Ruby joined the staff of Council District 13 as Community Advocate under Councilmember Jackie Goldberg and covered the areas of Glassell Park, Mount Washington, Atwater Village and Elysian Valley. She immediately saw the need to identify Atwater Village and organized the community to create two monument signs with the help of the Chamber of Commerce. She also facilitated the construction of a sidewalk near Mt. Washington School for the safety of the students who walk to and from school. Seeing the lack of outreach to the elderly community, she organized the Senior Lunch program at Chevy Chase Recreation Center. One of her legacies was to install the left turn arrow from Eagle Rock Boulevard to Avenue 40/Verdugo Road.

In 2001, Ruby worked as Office Manager for District 1 under Councilmember Ed Reyes and was placed in charge of the office administration. She later moved to the Demand Audit Section of the Controller's Office and then spent two and a half years working at the Department of Building & Safety;

Ruby's civic involvement includes President of the Glassell Park Improvement Association, President of the Filipino American Business Association of Glendale, President of the Filipino American Community of Eagle Rock, President of the Los Angeles Filipino Association of City Employees, and Founding President of the Filipino American Kiwanis Club of Glendale. She has also served on the boards of the Finance Council of the Archdiocese of Los Angeles, and the Glendale Adventist Medical Center;

Ruby has received many awards including the Woman of the Year of the 55<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Democrat of the Year of the 45<sup>th</sup> Assembly District, Woman Making a Difference in the City of Los Angeles, Citizen of the Year of the Corregidor Lions Club, and Businesswoman of the Year for the tri-cities of Glendale, Burbank and Pasadena. In addition, she has been recognized by the Federal, State and Local governments for her outstanding community service; During the celebration of 117<sup>th</sup> Philippine Independence in Los Angeles, she was given the "Kalayaan" Award by the Los Angeles County Filipino American Employees Association.

Ruby retired from the city in 2010, but her work with the community continued. She founded the Northeast LA Veterans parade and was passionate about helping veterans get the recognition and gratitude they deserve for protecting our freedom. Every 4th Friday of the month, she

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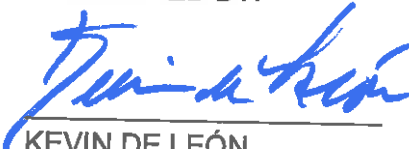
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helped cook and serve dinner to over 100 individuals experiencing homelessness after founding the HOPE Dinners at Saint Dominic Catholic Church.


Ruby was a trailblazer in the community, paving the way for many to dedicate their life to service. She always said, "We weren't put on this earth for ourselves, we were put on earth to help others, to live lives of service and to make this world a better place for our future and generations to come."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection of Merton Avenue and Caspar Avenue, in the Eagle Rock community, be named as "RUBY DE VERA SQUARE - Dedicated her life to community service and helping veterans" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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