

## MOTION

St. Brigid Catholic Church was founded in 1920 in a house on 51<sup>st</sup> Street in South Los Angeles. In 1923, St. Brigid built its first sanctuary on the site of its current parish hall and in 1953 the Church broke ground on its current location on Western Avenue.

In the 1960s, as African Americans relocated to South Los Angeles as part of the Great Migration, fleeing the social and economic oppression of the South, St. Brigid's congregation opened its arms to this community, providing safety and welcome. In the 1980s as the region saw an influx of new residents from South and Central America, the Church again opened its arms to these new members of its community and today hosts both Spanish, English, and bilingual services.

St. Brigid is overseen by the Josephite Fathers and Brothers, a Catholic order that was formed in the 1870s following the Civil War to minister to the people who had been freed from slavery following the war, and the Josephites continue to minister to and serve African American communities today.

St. Brigid has also acted to serve the physical needs of its surrounding community, including serving as a COVID-19 testing site, operating as a voting center during elections, and advocating to end housing insecurity, improve public transit accessibility, and enact criminal justice reform. St. Brigid also operates a food distribution ministry, providing food and other critical supplies to its unhoused neighbors.

In celebration of St. Brigid's 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary and in recognition of St. Brigid's historical role in the City of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the City name the intersection of 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Western Avenue as "St. Brigid Catholic Church Square."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at 52<sup>nd</sup> Street and Western Avenue be named as "**St. Brigid Catholic Church Square**" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial sign(s) to this effect at this location.

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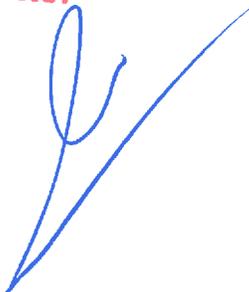
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