

MOTION

With the appointment of Alice Stebbins Wells on September 12, 1910, the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD) became the first police department in the nation to appoint a female police officer with the same authority as her male counterparts. Since that moment, female police officers have played an important role in the LAPD's history, despite having to face challenges that their male peers did not have to deal with. Over recent years, the City and the LAPD have worked to acknowledge the contribution of women in the City and LAPD, and to highlight their contributions.

Deputy Chief Margaret Ann York, the first woman to hold the rank of Deputy Chief, was a trailblazer for women in the Department. Deputy Chief York was first appointed as a policewoman in 1968, at a time when women were not allowed to promote past the rank of sergeant and could only work on issues involving women and children. Once LAPD opened promotion opportunities for all women and minority police officers under the Fanchon Blake Consent Decree, she quickly advanced and worked several high-profile assignments across the LAPD. She became the first female Deputy Chief in July 2000 and retired at that rank in 2002. In honor of Deputy Chief York's contributions to the City and the LAPD, it is fitting to name the Northeast Community Police Station in her honor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Police Department's Northeast Community Police Station be renamed the "Deputy Chief Margaret Ann York Northeast Community Police Station," with this name only applying to the building and not to the Division.

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