

MOTION

In 1883, the Southern Pacific Railroad opened its transcontinental Sunset Route, which connected New Orleans directly to California. Between 1940 and 1970, roughly 5 million Black Americans migrated westward from the South hoping to escape Jim Crow era racism and seeking economic opportunities in rapidly industrializing parts of the country. As part of this "Second Great Migration," many of those leaving the South traveled along the Sunset Route to arrive in Los Angeles.


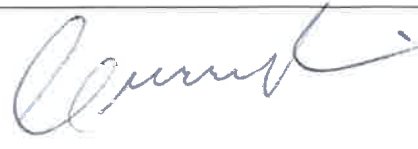
During the Second Great Migration, approximately 15,000 Creole people relocated from Louisiana to Los Angeles, creating the second largest Creole community in the United States outside of Louisiana. These Creole residents settled around Catholic parishes in neighborhoods around South Los Angeles including Jefferson Park, Leimert Park, and West Adams. As a result of this migration into the City, Catholic parishes in South Los Angeles saw significant increases in the number of parishioners from the Louisiana region whose descendants remain today.

Many churches in South Los Angeles were started by Creole parishioners who had migrated to California in earlier waves of migration out of the South. Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church on Jefferson Boulevard was established in 1921 by the Sisters of Loretto and Black Catholics of Louisiana and recently celebrated its 100th anniversary. Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church and many churches in South Los Angeles including St. Brigid Catholic Church and Transfiguration Catholic Church were instrumental in welcoming the Creole migrants traveling to Los Angeles as part of the Second Great Migration.

In recognition of the New Orleans and Creole heritage of the residents whose ancestors migrated from Louisiana to the City as part of the Second Great Migration and in honor of the recent centennial anniversary of the Holy Name of Jesus Catholic Church, it is appropriate that the City name Jefferson Boulevard from St. Andrews Place to 10th Avenue as the "New Orleans Corridor."

I THEREFORE MOVE that Jefferson Boulevard from St. Andrews Place to 10th Avenue be named as the "New Orleans Corridor" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to erect permanent ceremonial signage to this effect at this location.

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