

REPORT OF THE CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST

DATE: May 19, 2023

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections, and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

FROM: Sharon M. Tso  for
Chief Legislative Analyst Council File No: 23-0002-S42
Assignment No: 23-05-0256

SUBJECT: Naming Grand Park the Gloria Molina Park

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Rodriguez – Hernandez – Hutt – Park – Raman – Yaroslavsky) to include in the City’s 2023-2024 State Legislative Program SUPPORT for any action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rename Grand Park the "Gloria Molina Grand Park," commemorating Gloria Molina's service to Angelenos.

SUMMARY

On March 21, 2023, the Resolution (Rodriguez – Hernandez – Hutt – Park – Raman – Yaroslavsky) was introduced in support for any action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rename Grand Park the "Gloria Molina Grand Park," commemorating Gloria Molina's service to Angelenos. The Resolution states that during her 23 years serving the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, one of her significant achievements was advocating and bringing to fruition Grand Park- the Park for Everyone.

Therefore, the Resolution recommends support for any action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rename Grand Park the "Gloria Molina Grand Park."

BACKGROUND

A native to Los Angeles, Gloria Molina grew up as one of ten children in the City of Pico Rivera, to a Mexican American father and Mexican mother. She attended Rio Hondo College, East Los Angeles College, and California State University Los Angeles. While attending college, Molina became involved in the Chicano movement and advocated for women’s health. One of her early accomplishments was the creation of a nursing mentoring program which addressed the nation's shortage of nurses by partnering with local community colleges to help more students pursue nursing degrees.

In 1982, she was first elected to public office as the State Assembly woman representing the 56th District. As a state lawmaker and through her involvement with Mothers of East Los Angeles, she helped prevent a proposal to build a state prison near schools and neighborhoods in East Los Angeles. In 1987 she was elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where she served as the Councilwoman of the First District until 1991 when she was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, representing the First Supervisorial District. Molina made history by becoming the first Latina to be elected to the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

Molina went on to be re-elected to the Board of Supervisors in 1994, 1998, 2002, 2006, and 2010. During her 23 years as a County Supervisor, Molina became known as a fiscal watchdog committed to overseeing good government reforms, maintenance of the County's public health care system and quality-of-life issues for the millions of County residents living in unincorporated areas. As a County Supervisor, she helped develop parkland in the inner cities, including the Los Angeles River Center, the El Bosque de Rio Hondo, and Grand Park. She was also instrumental in obtaining \$1 billion in federal aid for the County's public health system and bringing La Plaza de Cultura y Artes to the City.

On March 21, 2023, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to rename Grand Park the Gloria Molina Grand Park in her honor and to commemorate her service to all Angelenos.

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Xochitl Ramirez
Analyst

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Attachment: 1. Resolution

RESOLUTION

RULES, ELECTIONS, INTERGOVERNMENTAL RELATIONS

WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations, or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal government body or agency must have first been adopted in the form of a Resolution by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Supervisor Gloria Molina grew up as one of ten children in the City of Pico Rivera, to a Mexican American father and Mexican mother, and attended Rio Hondo College, East Los Angeles College, and California State University, Los Angeles; while attending college, she worked full-time as a legal secretary, then became certified as an adult education instructor and taught clerical skills at the East Los Angeles Skills Center; Molina would go on to serve in President Jimmy Carter’s administration as a Deputy for Presidential Personnel, and after leaving the administration, she served in San Francisco as a Deputy Director for the Department of Health and Human Services; and

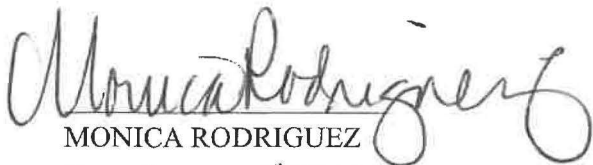
WHEREAS, Molina was first elected to public office in 1982 as State Assemblywoman in California’s 56th District; in 1987, she was elected to the Los Angeles City Council, where she served as the Councilwoman of the First District until 1991; in February, 1991, she was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, representing the First Supervisorial District; Molina is the first Latina in history to be elected to the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles City Council, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, and to serve as an Assemblywoman at the California State Assembly; and


WHEREAS, during her 23 years serving the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, Gloria Molina became known as a fiscal watchdog committed to overseeing good government reforms, maintenance of the County’s public health care system, and also quality-of-life issues for the millions of County residents living in the unincorporated areas; one of her significant achievements was advocating and bringing to fruition Grand Park – the Park for Everyone; and

WHEREAS, established in 2012, Grand Park is part of a joint venture by the City and Los Angeles County, as well as related entities; located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles, Grand Park is 12-acre civic park, stretching from the Music Center to Los Angeles City Hall, providing Angelenos with year-round free public programming and green spaces to connect, create and celebrate; today, Grand Park serves as a vibrant outdoor gathering place that represents, engages, and celebrates both the City’s and the County’s cultural vitality;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2023-2024 State Legislative Program support for any action by the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to rename Grand Park the “Gloria Molina Grand Park,” commemorating Gloria Molina’s service to Angelenos.



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