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Honoring a Visionary: Rosalind “Roz” Wiener Wyman

Ever since Rosalind “Roz” Wiener Wyman walked off the University of Southern California campus in 1952 with a degree in Public Administration and into the Los Angeles City Council Chamber at the age of 22, then the youngest elected legislator in a major U.S. city, she has been a pioneering force in shaping Los Angeles into the city it is today.

During the 12 years (1953-1965) that Wyman served as a member of the Los Angeles City Council, she successfully brought the Dodgers to Los Angeles, had a major hand in moving the Lakers basketball team to Los Angeles, proposed and passed a \$39.5 million bond to create parks, playgrounds, recreation centers, and beaches, served on the Coliseum Commission, and was the first woman to serve as Acting Mayor for the City of Los Angeles.

Roz Wyman altered the trajectory of the City of Los Angeles. She knew that bringing major league teams would accelerate the growth and status of Los Angeles and that nurturing the arts and building parks would enrich the lives of the people who

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live there.

Wyman was a strong advocate for building The Music Center in the 1960s, now home to the Walt Disney Concert Hall, Ahmanson Theatre, Dorothy Chandler Pavilion, and Mark Taper Forum. When Dorothy Chandler went to Wyman and asked her to support building The Music Center, Wyman was thrilled to help. But she also thought great cities needed great public spaces and there could be a park connecting Los Angeles City Hall up to Grand Avenue where all Angelenos could gather. That idea took 60 years to become a reality. But that is why Wyman is a visionary whose dreams changed her city.

From 1979 through 1985 Wyman was an outspoken member of the National Endowment for the Arts. She served two terms as President of the Los Angeles County Arts Commission as well as on the Los Angeles City Cultural Affairs Commission. Wyman continues to work tirelessly to increase national appropriations for the arts.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Fountain Overlook in Grand Park (between Grand Avenue and the Sachi A. Hamai Terrace), be named the “Roz Wyman Court” commemorating Wyman’s service to Angelenos, and that the Chief Executive Office collaborates with the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County on the design and placement of a dedicatory plaque in honor of Wyman.

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