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Street Naming in Honor of Mr. Charles Sifford

Mr. Charles Sifford was the first African-American golfer to play in the Professional Golfers' Association Tour and be inducted into the World Golf Hall of Fame. Mr. Sifford won many honors in his lifetime, including winning the United Golf Association National Negro Open six times. He was also awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom by President Barack Obama.

The Chester Washington Golf Course (golf course), managed by the Los Angeles County Department of Parks and Recreation, served as Mr. Sifford's home course. It was at the golf course that he won the Gardena Valley Open Tournament on multiple occasions.

Mr. Sifford passed away on February 3, 2015 at the age of 92. It is suiting that the portion of West 120th Street which runs west of Western Avenue and terminates east of Van Ness Avenue, immediately to the north of the golf course, be renamed in his honor. The only other use along that section of West 120th Street is the Southwest Special Office, which is operated by the Department of Public Social Services (DPSS) and there are no private properties that would be impacted. DPSS is supportive of the change in street name.

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WE THEREFORE MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS:

1. Direct the Director of the Department of Regional Planning to take all necessary actions, in coordination with all other appropriate Los Angeles County departments, to change the name of West 120th Street, between Western Avenue and Van Ness Avenue, to “Charles Sifford Way” and report back in writing to the Board of Supervisors upon completion; and
2. Direct the Director of the Department of Parks and Recreation to install a plaque at the entrance to the Chester Washington Golf Course that describes the tremendous accomplishments of Mr. Charles Sifford so that all may be inspired by his courage and perseverance.

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