

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR GLORIA MOLINA

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Supervising Deputy Probation Officer Mary Ridgway was a 43 year veteran of the Los Angeles County Probation Department. She began her career in 1966 at Sylmar Juvenile Hall and was later assigned to the San Fernando Valley and Crenshaw offices before beginning her work at the East Los Angeles Probation office on March 16, 1987. Mary was a vital member of the Boyle Heights Resurrection Church Neighborhood Watch organization and is credited with the success of the CLEAR program in a formerly violence plagued neighborhood.

Those who had the opportunity to work with Mary over the years respected her insight, intelligence, straightforwardness and leadership when it came to dealing constructively with gang members and their families. Probationers and fellow probation officers alike knew her as “a hammer” who would arrest a probationer when necessary, yet would be there to support them with all the services they needed to succeed in school and to teach them how to respect their parents and siblings. Upon her untimely death on February 21, 2009, many at her funeral and afterward asked that this unsung heroine be recognized for her tireless work. It is fitting and appropriate to associate her memory with the job she dedicated her life to.

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Yaroslavsky _____

Knabe _____

Antonovich _____

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I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors rename the East Los Angeles Probation Office at 4849 Civic Center Way, Los Angeles, California 90022 as the “Mary Ridgway East Los Angeles Probation Office” in her honor.

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