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Dedicating Grand Park in Honor of Former Los Angeles County Supervisor Gloria

Molina

Supervisor 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 public schools in her hometown 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, she became certified as an adult education instructor and taught clerical skills at the East Los Angeles Skills Center. She served in President Jimmy Carter's administration as a Deputy for Presidential Personnel, and after leaving the White House, served in San Francisco as a Deputy Director for the Department of Health and Human Services.

She was first elected to office in 1982 as State Assemblywoman. 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 Chicana in history to be elected to the California State Legislature, the Los Angeles City Council, and the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors.

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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 health care system, and quality-of-life issues for the millions of residents living in unincorporated areas. One of her significant achievements was advocating and bringing to fruition Grand Park - The Park for Everyone.

Located in the heart of Downtown Los Angeles, Grand Park is a 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.

Her vision of creating this public park in Downtown Los Angeles was realized in 2012 thanks to a collaborative effort between the County of Los Angeles, the City of Los Angeles, and the Related Companies who contributed funding to the project. Her constant perseverance to pursue this private-public partnership ensured a community benefit for all residents.

As a vibrant outdoor gathering place, Grand Park represents, engages, and celebrates the County's cultural vitality. A destination for thousands of daily users and attendees, Grand Park is host to a variety of community events, cultural experiences, holiday celebrations, and many other activities. To honor Gloria Molina's work in creating this treasured safe space, and her service to Angelenos throughout her life, it is fitting that we name the park in her honor.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE that the Board of Supervisors rename Grand Park to "Gloria Molina Grand Park," commemorating Gloria Molina's service to Angelenos and

that the Chief Executive Office collaborates with the Performing Arts Center of Los Angeles County (The Music Center) on the design and placement of a dedicatory plaque in honor of Gloria Molina.

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