

October 31, 2007

TO: Mayors, Council Members and City Managers

FROM: League Board of Directors

RE: Resolution in Support of Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp

At the September meeting of the League Board of Directors, a unanimous vote was taken to support the growing efforts of public and private organizations and individuals around California and the nation that are urging the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating the achievements and legacy of the late Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles.

The Board also agreed to develop and distribute a sample/model resolution that California's cities could use to take action in support of the issuance of a commemorative stamp. A copy of that resolution is attached. Please feel free to use it as a guide in constructing a resolution for your city that supports this effort.

Tom Bradley contributed considerably to the cities of California both in his capacity as Mayor of Los Angeles and President of the League of California Cities in 1979-80. The League Board of Directors asks your city to join in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

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RESOLUTION NO.

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PASADENA, CALIFORNIA IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF THE ACHIEVEMENTS AND LEGACY OF THE LATE MAYOR TOM BRADLEY, FORMER MAYOR OF LOS ANGELES

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's record of public service to the citizens of Los Angeles, the State of California and the nation has left a legacy for many to follow: and

WHEREAS, this record deserves the highest recognition from California and the nation; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley attended the Los Angeles public school system and excelled both academically and athletically; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley attended UCLA where he soon distinguished himself as a track star; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940; and

WHEREAS, he worked full time as a police officer while attending Southwestern University law school at night; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Southwestern University in 1956 and passed the California state bar examination; and

WHEREAS, after 21 years of service, retired from the Los Angeles Police Department with the rank of lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 he ran for the Los Angeles city council and won his first term on the council, where he would serve a total of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Tom Bradley was elected the 37th mayor of Los Angeles, the largest city in California and one of the largest cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bradley's record focused on a wide range of interests and issues for the citizens of Los Angeles, including the attraction of business to the city, the establishment of policies that resulted in the dramatic resurgence of downtown Los Angeles as an economic center, changes to the city's harbor and airports that made these

facilities successful business operations that enable Los Angeles to compete successfully in the world market; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's city colleagues from across the nation recognized his leadership qualities and elected him as the President of the National League of Cities in 1974, and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley was elected President of the League of California Cities in 1979-80; and

WHEREAS, the record of Tom Bradley's public service is so exceptional that it is especially fitting that the legacy of this great Californian and American be marked by the issuance of a special commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Pasadena communicate its SUPPORT to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service for the issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.

Adopted at the regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Pasadena on the _____ day of _____, 200__, by the following vote:

AYES

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Jane L. Rodriguez, CMC
City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:



Michele Beal Bagneris
City Attorney/City Prosecutor