COUNCIL ROLL CALL

11-13-26

ITEM (S) _____ CALLED SPECIAL BY _____

☐ AMENDMENT ☐ SUBSTITUTE ☐ MOTION

☒ COMMENDATORY RESOLUTIONS

(Blumenfield - Price)

☐ CONTINUED TO

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☐ CLOSED SESSION

BEGINNING:

END:

COMMENTS

	YES	NO
BLUMENFIELD	✓	
HARRIS-DAWSON	✓	
HERNANDEZ	✓	
HUTT	—	
JURADO	✓	
LEE	✓	
McOSKER	✓	
NAZARIAN	✓	
PADILLA	—	
PARK	✓	
PRICE	✓	
RAMAN	✓	
RODRIGUEZ	—	
SOTO-MARTÍNEZ	—	
YAROSLAVSKY	—	
TOTALS	10	

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Resolution

Madelynn Taras

WHEREAS, Madelynn Taras joined Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's staff in February 2025 as Senior Legislative Deputy; and

WHEREAS, Madelynn began her career with the City of Los Angeles in 2018, cutting her teeth as a field deputy with former Councilmember David Ryu. Following her time with Councilmember Ryu, she worked for Mayor Eric Garcetti until 2022. And in-between and after these positions, she also served on the staffs of Councilmembers Monica Rodriguez, Adrin Nazarian as well as Mayor Karen Bass. While the Guinness Book of World Records has not been consulted, she may hold the title for 'Most Offices Worked for Inside City Hall' surviving multiple transitions, both hostile and planned; and

WHEREAS, Council President Paul Krekorian wisely scooped her up to join his Legislative team where she helped run the day-to-day functions in the Council Chamber. And in 2025, she was welcomed to her new home with Team Blumenfield. It was clear they were welcoming in a star staffer but little did they know that she would be the key, special ingredient to help make Blumenfield's final chapter the most efficient, fun and productive in council history; and

WHEREAS, Maddy's duties with Team Blumenfield became many. She staffed Blumenfield on council and multiple committees, helped draft motions and led countless pre-council briefings (always ready to answer a plethora of questions). Her ability to craft a legislative idea, season it with institutional memory, navigate it through near endless bureaucratic loops and swerves, and bring it to fruition create an extraordinary set of skills that rarely allow one to retain sanity. Her efforts as Councilmember Blumenfield's liaison to the Jewish community was also immensely important, especially at a time of rising anti-Semitism and hate throughout the region. As an established friend of seemingly every Rabbi and community leader, she ensured that the Councilmember's efforts had the maximum impact and helped bring critical voices to important conversions; and

WHEREAS, rare can you find such a 'go-getter' who blends outside-the-box thinking, tenacity with true appreciation for public service. While she has been a critical part of the official business of Team Blumenfield, she was also the purveyor of fun, serving as the team's tour guide, leader of the lunchtime conversation, and constant source of candy. She swiftly became a member of the unofficial Diet Coke addicts in the office. Some on Team Blumenfield remain extremely envious of her ability to limit herself to a single Diet Coke a day and somehow work very early committee meetings without morning caffeine; and

WHEREAS, Maddy has visited many cities and city halls on her travels, hoping to find a better town, but Los Angeles continues to be #1. She has explored nearly every corner of LA and keeps a running list of places to see and visit. She possesses boundless appreciation and incredibly strong opinions of the culinary specialities of the greater Los Angeles region. Her love of LA and Team Blumenfield may only be matched by her boundless adoration for her alma mater, USC- Fight On!; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Madelynn for her

dedicated service as a valued member of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's team. Her hard work, compassion, humor and friendship made an indelible mark on everyone who has been fortunate to work with her. There is so much to appreciate and thank Maddy for, so 'yada-yada-yada', we wish her continued success and all the very best in his future endeavors.

Presented by: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

Seconded by: _____

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Resolution

Safi Lodin

WHEREAS, Safi Lodin began working for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield in July 2013 as a Field Deputy and over time he became Senior Field and Public Safety Deputy; and

WHEREAS, as Senior Field Deputy with a focus on public safety, Safi has served as a liaison between Councilmember Blumenfield, City Departments, public safety agencies, and the communities throughout the Third Council District. His responsibilities include addressing complex constituent concerns, coordinating responses to neighborhood issues, and working closely with agencies such as the Los Angeles Police Department (LAPD), Los Angeles Fire Department (LAFD), the City's Emergency Management Department, and other regional and state partners; and

WHEREAS, Safi has built strong relationships with Neighborhood Councils, homeowners, businesses, and community leaders throughout the district. He has regularly attended community meetings and public events, briefed the Councilmember on emerging issues, and helped coordinate timely responses to urgent situations affecting public safety and the quality of life of residents; and

WHEREAS, Safi has worked on numerous projects throughout his years with Team Blumenfield and takes great pride in his efforts to improve public safety and the quality of life across the Third Council District. Some of his accomplishments include working with LAPD and the Los Angeles Department of Transportation (LADOT) to address speeding concerns, coordinating with the Board of Public Works to secure solar-powered lighting along the Los Angeles River and Metro bike paths, and working with local law enforcement to address public safety staffing and neighborhood concerns; and

WHEREAS, one of Safi's proudest accomplishments was his involvement in the response to the Woolsey Fire. Safi, alongside Team Blumenfield, quickly mobilized to open the Council Office as a donation site and helped organize the collection of essential supplies for individuals and families affected by the fire. This experience demonstrated the importance of teamwork, being responsive to the needs of the community, and ensuring that residents receive the support they need during difficult times; and

WHEREAS, before joining the City Council Office, Safi worked for then-Assemblymember Bob Blumenfield in the California State Assembly, where he gained valuable experience in constituent services and public policy. During his time in the Assembly, he assisted constituents with questions regarding the California Clean Air Vehicle (CAV) Decal Program when it first launched, helping residents better understand the program and its requirements. This experience helped prepare him for his future role serving the residents of the Third Council District; and

WHEREAS, Safi has made many wonderful memories throughout his years with Team Blumenfield. One of his favorite memories involves the community bike rides, especially those that took place in the rain. Despite the weather, these events became funny and memorable experiences that he and his colleagues could look back on and laugh about. Safi has always appreciated the camaraderie, friendships, and willingness of everyone on Team Blumenfield to

come together, support one another, and serve the community. These are the moments that have made being part of Team Blumenfield so special to him; and

WHEREAS, Safi earned his bachelor's degree in Political Science from California State University, Northridge, where he developed a strong understanding of government, public policy, and the legislative process. He also has a background in public relations and communications, which has helped him communicate effectively with diverse communities, build meaningful relationships with community stakeholders, and navigate complex issues throughout his career; and

WHEREAS, outside of work, Safi enjoys spending time with his family, photography, traveling, exploring new places, and following Los Angeles sports. He enjoys capturing special moments through photography and experiencing different places and cultures through his travels. One of the most meaningful milestones in his life was becoming a father to his daughter in July 2026. Fatherhood has been an incredibly rewarding experience for Safi and has given him an even greater appreciation for family, community, and the importance of building a better future for the next generation.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Safi Lodin for his dedicated service as a valued member of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's team. Throughout his years of service, Safi has demonstrated an outstanding work ethic, compassion, dependability, and a strong commitment to improving the lives of residents throughout the Third Council District. His ability to work with City Departments, public safety agencies, community organizations, and countless constituents has made a lasting impact on the office and the communities he has served. Team Blumenfield is deeply grateful for his years of hard work, the many responsibilities he has taken on, and his willingness to always step up and help others when needed. Safi, you are truly a superstar, and your dedication, reliability, and friendship have made you an important part of Team Blumenfield. We thank you for everything you have done over the years and wish you continued happiness, success, and the very best in all your future endeavors.

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BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

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Resolution

Jake Flynn

WHEREAS, Jake Flynn, or as he is really known Joseph Blake Beauchamp Flynn, began his career with Team Blumenfield in March 2016, serving as Communications and Community Relations Specialist for Councilmember Bob Blumenfield, and he was promoted to Communications Director in 2018. Over 10+ years he grew into a role as a key member of the senior staff providing counsel on issues from the budget to the wording on landmark signs; and

WHEREAS, Jake's day-to-day responsibilities included managing Councilmember Blumenfield's many communications channels to be open to members of the media and community, protecting his ethical public image by anticipating and avoiding pitfalls, developing messaging and assisting with pretty much anything else thrown his way. He led media relations and strategic outreach efforts to keep constituents and journalists informed about the latest news, developments, and activities in City Hall and throughout the Third Council District; and

WHEREAS, Jake played an important role in managing communications in fast moving, high stress emergencies including during the Woolsey Fire, helping keep residents informed and assisting with donation drive efforts to support those affected by the fire; and

WHEREAS, Jake also played an important role in assisting with legislation, policies, and programs, helping the Councilmember prepare and introduce motions before the Los Angeles City Council. He has been instrumental in completing and showcasing numerous District projects including the district's interim and permanent housing sites, Caballero Creek Wetlands Park, Reseda Ice Rink and the Madrid Theatre, to name a few.

WHEREAS, He worked on several projects throughout his time with Team Blumenfield that he was especially proud of including the Bothwell Ranch project. He also helped support various animal welfare initiatives to ensure animals were treated fairly and protected from abuse, and received the care they needed, in honor of his sweet dog Bowie; and

WHEREAS, Jake made countless wonderful memories during his time with Team Blumenfield. Among his favorite memories was taking the lead in organizing team lunch outings to local favorites such as Langer's, BBQ Chicken and Teriyaki, Johnny Pacific's, and California Chicken Cafe. Team Blumenfield cherished these opportunities to gather over lunch nearly every day, and Jake took great pride in bringing his colleagues together, proudly serving as the team's official French fry sponsor. These lunches were always filled with Jake's laughter, his extensive knowledge of movies and political history, and his impressive expertise on all things related to the City of Los Angeles. His unique personality and sense of humor made each gathering memorable, kept everyone laughing, and occasionally left us all scratching our heads; and

WHEREAS, Jake has an extensive list of interests and hobbies outside of work. Get comfortable while we list them off. As a huge baseball fan, his knowledge of the game and its history is truly impressive/scary. A devoted San Francisco Giants fan, Jake continues to have hope that his favorite team will return to the World Series. His passion for baseball extends to collecting baseball cards, while his love for movies inspires his collection of movie memorabilia. A self-proclaimed history nerd, Jake enjoys sharing his knowledge of American history and visiting museums wherever he travels because of his love for learning. As if that were not enough, Jake is also a musician who plays in a band, performing both cover songs and original

music. Whether it is baseball, movies, history, or music, Jake has a passion for it all and always has something interesting to share with those around him even when they are busy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Jake Flynn for his dedicated service as a valued member of Councilmember Bob Blumenfield's team. His hard work, commitment, and strategic approach to communications and public service made a meaningful difference in both the office and the community. Team Blumenfield is deeply grateful for his efforts in maintaining a positive public image for the Councilmember, keeping constituents informed, and highlighting the Councilmember's commitment to serving the residents of the Third Council District. Beyond his professional accomplishments, Jake brought laughter, knowledge, and a wonderful personality to the office that made him a valued colleague and friend. Jake, you are a superstar, and your bright personality and contributions to Team Blumenfield will always be appreciated. We wish you continued success, happiness, and all the very best in your future endeavors.

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BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

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Resolution

Lisa Hansen

WHEREAS, Lisa Hansen began her career with Councilmember Bob Blumenfield in July 2013, serving as his Chief of Staff. Throughout her time with Team Blumenfield, she served as the Councilmember's trusted right-hand advisor and senior executive, providing leadership, guidance, and support to the entire office. She was not only a dedicated leader but also proudly known as the office's 'Storm Commander' as well as 'Ambassador of Cake,' bringing joy and positivity to those around her; and

WHEREAS, her day-to-day duties and responsibilities included supporting the Councilmember by leading Team Blumenfield in their mission to serve the residents of the Third Council District. She worked tirelessly to ensure that the office had a dedicated, and hardworking team equipped with the necessary resources and support to successfully serve the community. She created an environment where staff members could thrive and partner to accomplish their goals; and

WHEREAS, a dedicated problem solver, Lisa helped secure funding, build partnerships, and identify resources to move important projects and initiatives forward. Councilmember Blumenfield had bold, innovative ideas and with her intimate knowledge of how the city works, near impossible projects were created. She ensured that the office operated with integrity, accountability, and a strong commitment to ethical public service, always keeping the best interests of constituents in mind; and

WHEREAS, Lisa played an essential role in building and developing Team Blumenfield from the very beginning. She worked hard to create a strong, effective, and supportive team while ensuring that the office operated smoothly and efficiently. She recognized the individual strengths and talents of each staff member and encouraged them to maximize their abilities, contribute to the team's success, and take pride in their work. Lisa also had a remarkable ability to find ways to say "yes" and make progress, even when faced with challenges, delays, and the complexities of City bureaucracy. She led by example and there is a generation of public servants who are better equipped to tackle the problems of today and tomorrow because they learned from her; and

WHEREAS, Lisa brought more than two decades of experience in public service to Team Blumenfield. She began her career working on campaigns in her home state of Minnesota including helping re-elect the late, great Senator Paul Wellstone, before starting with the City of Los Angeles in 2002. While serving with former Councilmember Jack Weiss, who chaired the Public Safety Committee, she helped reduce the Los Angeles Police Department's backlog of DNA evidence from sexual assault cases to bring justice for victims. As a member of former Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa's team focused on transportation, she helped build support for the region's subway projects and grow multi-modal transit throughout Los Angeles; and

WHEREAS, Lisa created countless wonderful memories during her time with Team Blumenfield. Through the many experiences and lessons she shared with her colleagues, she helped establish a workplace culture centered on taking care of one another and serving the community. She guided the team through challenging times, including the COVID-19 pandemic, when staff members adapted to virtual meetings, masks, and was forced to find new ways to collaborate. She took great pride in helping invest in the San Fernando Valley through projects such as the first city-owned ice rink, the development of parks and theaters, animal welfare

initiatives, and disaster preparedness efforts. Above all, one of her greatest joys was being part of the professional journeys and personal lives of the wonderful people she had the opportunity to work alongside. Her leadership helped make Team Blumenfield more than just an office, but a family that supported and cared for one another; and

WHEREAS, outside of her professional responsibilities, Lisa enjoys the Hollywood Bowl's summer concert series. She's a cheese enthusiast and chocolate advocate who appreciates good sparkling water or Diet Coke. Above all, she takes great pride in her family, including her husband, Jim, their son, Nick and their two rescue pups Candy and Karma; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Lisa Hansen for her dedicated service as Councilmember Blumenfield's Chief of Staff. Her outstanding leadership and unwavering commitment to public service and team building made a meaningful and lasting impact on both the office and the community. Team Blumenfield is deeply grateful for her dedication to ensuring that the office operated smoothly, efficiently, and effectively while maintaining a strong commitment to serving the residents of the Third Council District. Through her leadership, determination, and ability to bring people together, she helped establish Team Blumenfield's reputation as an office that worked hard, found solutions, and got things done. Lisa, thank you for being our Chief, for always bringing your positivity, wisdom, and encouragement to the office, and for showing us that through hard work, dedication, and teamwork, we could accomplish great things. We wish you and your family all the very best in the years ahead.

Presented by: _____
BOB BLUMENFIELD
Councilmember, 3rd District

Seconded by: _____

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Resolution

Jenny Portillo

WHEREAS, Jenny Portillo began her career with the City of Los Angeles working as a field deputy for Councilmember Tony Cardenas in 2010, joining Team Blumenfield in 2013. A graduate of Cal State Northridge, Jenny started as a field deputy for Canoga Park, was promoted to be Deputy District Director and later became District Director; and

WHEREAS, as a key staff member and advisor to Councilmember Blumenfield since his early days with the city, she has tackled almost every type of constituent concern. From a broken water line, to mylar balloons almost ruining Halloween, to a helicopter parked in a residential driveway, to negotiating and resolving all renditions of neighbor wars, Jenny's breadth of work would make Parks and Rec look like child's play. But whether it was a life and death situation like getting a domestic violence survivor needed housing and support, or something bordering on the absurd, Jenny always treated constituents with respect and care, helping everyone with her whole heart; and

WHEREAS, to say Jenny had big shoes to fill as District Director is an understatement to say the least. Following two beloved friends and mentors in Lyn Shaw and Michael Owens, Jenny took on the responsibilities with poise, empathy, tenacity and a little bit of crazy - a unique blend of perfection for Team Blumenfield. Supervising the district staff, she has helped interns and young staff develop a love of public service, as well as foster an environment for teamwork with a firm understanding of having each others back; and

WHEREAS, Jenny is one of the hardest working people in the City, always the first to volunteer to help with events or assignments. Quick to approve vacation time for other staff to recuperate and rest, supporting staff to enjoy time with families and their own physical and mental health; and

WHEREAS, one of the efforts she is most proud of is all the improvements she shepherded at Lanark Park, specifically the opening of the skate park. Under her tutelage and care, this park has seen a new generation of Valley kids embrace skating and enjoy expanded parks programs as well as continue the Valley tradition of family BBQs. Bringing community together, helping people from immigrant communities feel safe in the City, and embracing the LGBTQ community and youth as an advocate, mentor, and role model; and

WHEREAS, three of the loves of her life are sports, dogs and her friends. When she is not in the office, there is a good chance she is either busy being the proud dog mom of Team Blumenfield's district mascot, Bingo, or she is on some field getting bruised (or bruising others) as part of one the many teams she plays on. One day it's kickball, another day it's dodgeball, flag football, pickleball or some other exotic sport that was just created - it's only a matter of time until we see her compete and dominate on ESPN 8-The Ocho. She also loves to travel, whether it's a weekend trip with Bingo, for a tournament, music and dancing in the desert, or just fun with friends. It remains unclear exactly how she seems to maintain boundless energy; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that by the adoption of this resolution, the Los Angeles City Council hereby commends and expresses its heartfelt appreciation to Jenny Portillo for her

dedicated service as Councilmember Blumenfield's District Director. Team Blumenfield is deeply grateful for her dedication to the residents of the CD3, the City of Los Angeles, and every person she served alongside. Thank you, Jenny - for your years of hard work, humor, and for always being yourself. Your contributions and the memories you created with Team Blumenfield will always be appreciated. We wish you and your family all the very best in the years ahead.

Presented by: _____

Bob Blumenfield

Councilmember, 3rd District

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