

RESOLUTION NO. 2022-xx

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF SANTA ANA DIRECTING AND
AUTHORIZING A CEREMONIAL STREET NAME
OF HELEN M. SHIPP WAY ALONG WILLITS
STREET FROM FAIRVIEW STREET TO BRISTOL
STREET, AND THE CEREMONIAL NAMING OF
THE INTERSECTION OF WILLITS STREET AND
RAITT STREET TO BLACK HISTORY SQUARE

WHEREAS, the City of Santa Ana (hereinafter referred to as the “City”) is a charter city and municipal corporation duly organized and existing pursuant to and under the provisions of the laws of the State of California; and

WHEREAS, on August 2, 2022, the City Council for the City of Santa Ana approved Ordinance No. NS-3024 (“Ordinance”) to recognize outstanding individuals who have made a significant impact on their community through the commemorative or honorary naming of streets or intersections; and

WHEREAS, the Ordinance, which amended Chapter 33 of the City’s Municipal Code, detailed the application process including the procedures, fees, and details for when and how said procedures and fees may be waived by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, Helen M. Shipp and her family legacy have made a profound and lasting cultural impact on the neighborhood they called home, the City of Santa Ana for over five generations by creating community events, including the Black History Parade, for African American culture to thrive in and advance equality for all; and

WHEREAS, since it was founded in 1980, to celebrate Black History Month, the Black History Parade, which began with her family, quickly grew to upwards of 20,000 in attendance during its tenure in the City of Santa Ana due to her advocacy for the African American community to be recognized for their significance within the City and the impact it created for African American people living in Santa Ana; and

WHEREAS, the first procession of the Black History Parade in Santa Ana took place on Raitt Street near the intersection of Raitt Street and Willits Street; and

WHEREAS, Councilmember Hernandez initiated a request to honor the legacy of Helen M. Shipp to recognize the lasting cultural impact she and her family brought to the City of Santa Ana; and

WHEREAS, ceremonial “Helen M. Shipp Way” sign toppers are proposed to be installed along Willits Street from Fairview Street to Bristol Street. In addition, the intersection of Raitt Street and Willits Street is proposed to be designated with “Black History Square” ceremonial sign toppers; and

WHEREAS, the ordinance requires a resolution for the approval of the ceremonial sign toppers, and as allowed by said Ordinance, certain requirements for said ceremonial street naming, such as notice of application, and all applicable fees and charges may be waived by majority vote of the City Council when the request is initiated by a current Council member; and

WHEREAS, Helen M. Shipp Way and Black History Square are not in conflict with the public interests and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the City Council for the City of Santa, based on the significant cultural legacy established by Helen M. Shipp and the Black History Parade for the City of Santa Ana, finds the change of such street names are warranted.

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SANTA ANA AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The Council hereby waives the requirements of the Application process, pursuant to Santa Ana Municipal Code Section 33-262(e), including all applicable fees and charges.

Section 2. The portion of Willits Street between Fairview Street and Bristol Street shall receive ceremonial street sign toppers of “Helen M. Shipp Way.”

Section 3. The intersection of Willits Street and Raitt Street shall receive ceremonial street sign toppers of “Black History Square.”

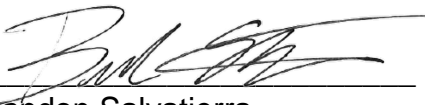
Section 4. The Public Works Department is hereby directed to cause the ceremonial street signs as affected by this Resolution to be fabricated and installed.

Section 5. This Resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council and the Clerk of the Council shall attest to and certify the vote adopting this Resolution.

ADOPTED this ____ day of December, 2022

Vicente Sarmiento
Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
Sonia R. Carvalho, City Attorney

By: 
Brandon Salvatierra
Deputy City Attorney

AYES: Councilmembers _____

NOES: Councilmembers _____

ABSTAIN: Councilmembers _____

NOT PRESENT: Councilmembers _____

CERTIFICATE OF ATTESTATION AND ORIGINALITY

I, _____, Clerk of the Council, do hereby attest to and certify the attached Resolution No. 2022-_____ to be the original resolution adopted by the City Council of the City of Santa Ana on December 6, 2022.

Date: _____

Clerk of the Council, City of Santa Ana