

AUGUST 6, 2018

SUBJECT: **RESOLUTION URGING THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL
AND HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO REMOVE
PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STAR FROM THE
HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME**

INITIATED BY: **MAYOR PRO TEMPORE JOHN D'AMICO
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PREPARED BY: **COMMUNITY & LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS DIVISION**
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STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT:

The City Council will consider adopting a resolution urging the Los Angeles City Council and Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to remove President Donald J. Trump's star from the Hollywood Walk of Fame, due to his disturbing treatment of women and other actions that do not meet the shared values of the City of West Hollywood, the region, state, and country.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 18 - _____ "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD URGING THE LOS ANGELES CITY COUNCIL AND HOLLYWOOD CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TO REMOVE PRESIDENT DONALD J. TRUMP'S STAR FROM THE HOLLYWOOD WALK OF FAME."
- 2) Direct Community & Legislative Affairs Division staff to send copies of the adopted resolution to the City of Los Angeles Mayor and Councilmembers, Hollywood Chamber of Commerce, and other parties as deemed appropriate.

BACKGROUND / ANALYSIS:

The Hollywood Walk of Fame is known around the world as a cultural icon of Hollywood and entertainment culture. Every year more than 10 million people visit the Walk of Fame, making it one of the most recognized attractions in Los Angeles and the world. The Walk of Fame has also been a registered City of Los Angeles historic cultural monument for the last 40 years (since 1978). In total the Walk of Fame is more than two miles long (Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in Los Angeles) and has more than 2,500 coral terrazzo and brass stars dedicated to famous members of the entertainment industry spanning five specific categories; motion pictures, broadcast television, audio recording (music), broadcast radio, and theatre/live performance. Each year approximately 200 nominations are received for new "stars", and in June the Walk of Fame Selection Committee meets to select approximately 20-24 new "stars" to

added. With an acceptance rate of approximately 10% the process is highly selective and competitive. Due to the Walk of Fame's status as a cultural icon, its long history, millions of annual visitors, and a highly selective process for receiving a "star", having a "star" on the Walk of Fame is a privilege that is highly sought after by those in the entertainment industry.

The addition of new stars and the maintenance of existing stars are handled by different entities. The Hollywood Chamber of Commerce is responsible for only the addition of new stars to the Walk of Fame. Since the Walk of Fame is a public sidewalk and is the property of the City of Los Angeles, the City has the ultimate responsibility for the condition and maintenance of the Walk of Fame. However, other organizations sometimes assist the City on a voluntary basis with keeping the Walk of Fame in good condition. These organizations include the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce's "Friends of the Walk of Fame", the Hollywood Historic Trust, and the Hollywood Entertainment District business improvement district.

President Donald J. Trump received his star on the Walk of Fame in 2007 for his work as the producer of the *Miss Universe Pageant*. He also starred in the television show *The Apprentice* after receiving his star on the Walk of Fame.

Starting with the 2016 presidential election a number of disturbing instances concerning Mr. Trump's treatment of women came to light, including the *Access Hollywood* tape where Mr. Trump is heard making disparaging remarks about women, multiple allegations of abuse and efforts to cover up those instances, as well as continued derogatory remarks regarding women. Similar to how certain members of the entertainment community have been removed from the Academy of Motion Pictures, due to their actions toward women, reflecting a stance on their values by the Academy, this is an opportunity for decision-makers to take a stand on their values in support of women and against disturbing treatment of women. It should be noted that Mr. Trump's star on the Walk of Fame has been destroyed in the past, and has been replaced by the City of Los Angeles using taxpayer funds.

In addition to his treatment of women, other actions of Mr. Trump and his administration have not met the shared values of the City of West Hollywood, the region, state, and Country, these include:

- The separation of children from their parents at the United States border.
- Denial of findings from the United States intelligence community regarding Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election, and continued refusal to hold Russia accountable for its crimes.

- Denial of the impacts of Climate Change on the world, and withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement.
- His treatment of transgender individuals, including his reversal of an Obama Administration era policy to allow transgender individuals to serve in the military.
- Plans to divert funding from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program to cover the cost of child detainment tied to its “zero tolerance” immigration policy.

Due to his disturbing treatment of women and many other actions that do not meet the shared values of the City of West Hollywood, the region, state, and country, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood is urging the City Council of the City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to remove President Donald J. Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, so to not promote an individual who's values do not adhere to the City's values.

Having a “star” on the Walk of Fame is a privilege that is highly sought after by those in the entertainment industry, allowing Mr. Trump to continue to have a star in light of his behavior toward women, particularly in the #timesup and #metoo movements, should not be acceptable in the Hollywood and entertainment industry communities. In addition, in light of the revelations that have come forward as part of the #timesup and #metoo movements, the City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce may wish to revisit the qualifications for being included in the Walk of Fame, for both future “stars” and existing ones.

CONFORMANCE WITH VISION 2020 AND THE GOALS OF THE WEST HOLLYWOOD GENERAL PLAN:

This item is consistent with the Primary Strategic Goal(s) (PSG) and/or Ongoing Strategic Program(s) (OSP) of:

- OSP-2: Institutional Integrity.
- OSP-6: Value and Encourage our Broad Diversity of Cultures.

In addition, this item is compliant with the following goal(s) of the West Hollywood General Plan:

- HS-3: Promote a community with strong social networks and cross-cultural interaction.

EVALUATION PROCESSES:

N/A

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY AND HEALTH:

N/A

COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT:

N/A

OFFICE OF PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY:

CITY MANAGER'S DEPARTMENT / COMMUNITY AND LEGISLATIVE AFFAIRS
DIVISION

FISCAL IMPACT:

None

ATTACHMENT:

Resolution

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RESOLUTION NO. 18-_____

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WHEREAS, the Hollywood Walk of Fame is known around the world as a cultural icon of Hollywood and entertainment culture. Every year more than 10 million people visit the Walk of Fame, making it one of the most recognized attractions in Los Angeles and the world; and,

WHEREAS, the Walk of Fame has also been a registered City of Los Angeles historic cultural monument for the last 40 years (since 1978) and consists of a nearly two mile stretch of sidewalk on Hollywood Boulevard and Vine Street in the City of Los Angeles that includes 2,500 coral terrazzo and brass stars dedicated to famous members of the entertainment industry; and,

WHEREAS, each year approximately 200 nominations are received for new "stars", and in June the Walk of Fame Selection Committee meets to select approximately 20-24 new "stars" to be added. With an acceptance rate of approximately 10% the process is highly selective and competitive; and,

WHEREAS, due to the Walk of Fame's status as a cultural icon, its long history, millions of annual visitors, and a highly selective process for receiving a "star", having a "star" on the Walk of Fame is a privilege that is highly sought after by those in the entertainment industry; and,

WHEREAS, since the Walk of Fame is a public sidewalk and is the property of the City of Los Angeles, the City is responsible for the condition and maintenance of the Walk of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, President Donald J. Trump received his star on the Walk of Fame in 2007 for his work as the producer of the *Miss Universe Pageant*. He also starred in the television show *The Apprentice* after receiving his star on the Walk of Fame; and,

WHEREAS, starting with the 2016 presidential election a number of disturbing instances concerning Mr. Trump's treatment of women came to light, including the *Access Hollywood* tape where Mr. Trump is heard making disparaging remarks about women, multiple allegations of abuse and efforts to cover up those instances, as well as continued derogatory remarks regarding women; and,

WHEREAS, in addition to his treatment of women, other actions of Mr. Trump and his administration have not met the shared values of the City of West Hollywood,

the region, state, and country, including, the separation of children from their parents at the United States border, denial of findings from the United States intelligence community regarding Russian interference in the 2016 Presidential election (and refusal to hold Russia accountable for its actions), denial of the impacts of Climate Change on the world, and withdrawal from the Paris Climate Agreement, reversal of an Obama Administration era policy to allow transgender individuals to serve in the military, and plans to divert funding from the Ryan White HIV/AIDS Program to cover the cost of child detention tied to its "zero tolerance" immigration policy; and,

WHEREAS, having a "star" on the Walk of Fame is a privilege that is highly sought after by those in the entertainment industry, allowing Mr. Trump to continue to have a star in light of his behavior toward women, particularly in the #timesup and #metoo movements, should not be acceptable in the Hollywood and entertainment communities; and,

WHEREAS, in light of the revelations that have come forward as part of the #timesup and #metoo movements, the City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce may wish to revisit the qualifications for being included in the Walk of Fame, for both future "stars" and existing ones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, due to his disturbing treatment of women and other actions that do not meet the shared values of the City of West Hollywood, the region, state, and country, the City Council of the City of West Hollywood, is urging the City Council of the City of Los Angeles and the Hollywood Chamber of Commerce to remove President Donald J. Trump's star on the Hollywood Walk of Fame, so to not promote an individual who's values do not adhere to the City's values.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 6th day of August, 2018.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk