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A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDEN GROVE  
DESIGNATING THE PORTION OF GARDEN GROVE WEST OF WESTERN  
AVENUE AS THE WEST GROVE DISTRICT

- WHEREAS, Since the formation and incorporation of the City of Garden Grove on June 18, 1956, residents living in the western portion of the city have long demonstrated a profound sense of community pride so distinct, that they identify the area as "West Grove" with the affinity and the character of a small, family-oriented, hardworking, middle-class, "All American" hometown; and
- WHEREAS, In 2016, the Garden Grove City Council officially established City Council District 1, with an elected representative designated to serve the residents of West Grove, as well as businesses located in one of the most prominent industrial and manufacturing sectors of the city; and
- WHEREAS, West Grove is proud of its heritage and as a community continues to support and participate in such long-standing American traditions and activities as 4th of July block parties; bicycle parades; holiday neighborhood festivities; Little League parades; pushcart derby; charitable fundraising; school sporting events, activities, and the PTA; summer concerts in the park; the Boys and Girls Club; Boy and Girl Scouts; church services; and other family-oriented activities; and
- WHEREAS, Past and present West Grove residents have made distinguished contributions to society in fields such as business, education, science, public office, charitable/humanitarian work, entertainment, sports, and military service. Notables include two Miss California title holders; Congressional Medal of Honor recipient Tibor Rubin; Olympic gold medalist Amanda Freed; and oldest living MLB player Chuck Stevens; and
- WHEREAS, In the 1980's, the City of Garden Grove installed two monument signs designating a half-mile stretch along Valley View Street, from north of the Garden Grove SR-22 Freeway, to south of the Garden Grove/Cypress border, as the "Valley View Commercial Corridor," and in 1990, installed an Amber Alert digital street sign off of the 22 Freeway—the first in a California city—creating an entrance to the commercial district and a sense of pride for West Grove; and
- WHEREAS, Garden Grove continues to proudly acknowledge the west Garden Grove neighborhoods as a significant, recognized, distinct, and dynamic hometown community worthy of being named the West Grove District. Further, with such a designation, this will invite future families, residents, visitors, businesses, and commercial investors to participate, share and experience new opportunities in an established community filled with hometown values and richness.
- NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Garden Grove City Council does hereby venerably designate the western portion of Garden Grove as the West Grove District, and with such a designation, making it an official Honorary Garden Grove Landmark.