

September 5, 2023

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS

FROM: JEROME GROOMES, CITY MANAGER

**SUBJECT: A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMPTON
AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER TO RENAME THE ONE
HUNDRED BLOCK OF AUTO DRIVE SOUTH TO EAZY STREET**

SUMMARY

Approval of the attached resolution will authorize the City Manager to rename the One Hundred Block of Auto Drive South to Eazy Street in honor of the renowned entertainer Eric Lynn Wright professionally known as Eazy-E, whose legacy posthumously has contributed to the hip-hop music industry around the world.

BACKGROUND

The late entertainer Eazy-E, was born and raised in the City of Compton and rose to fame for what is known as West Coast rap and Gangsta rap as part of the group N.W.A. which formed in Compton California.

The group launched the careers of hip-hop icons, such as Eazy-E, Ice Cube, Dr. Dre, MC Ren and many others. In 1988, N.W.A. released the colossal hit song "Straight Outta Compton".

Eric Lynn Wright otherwise known as Eazy-E, has been called the "Godfather of Gangsta rap", a rap pioneer and a legend. The renaming of the One Hundred Block of Auto Drive South to Eazy Street will keep this hip-hop icon's name engraved in the history of Compton

The proposed selected street location in the City of Compton is currently named Auto Drive South. Honoring Eazy-E in the One Hundred Block of this location will be a lasting tribute to the art of hip-hop music that continues to be appreciated by his family and fans worldwide.

STATEMENT OF THE ISSUE

The City of Compton Facilities Naming Policy, adopted June 20, 2014 provides a process and guidelines for naming facilities in a manner that will provide an easy and recognizable reference to the City's residents and visitors.

Section 2 (B) of the City's Policy defines support facilities: City-owned facilities that support field operations, support facilities include, without limitation the City corporate yard, pump stations, roads, bridges and any new or future facilities.

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Posthumous recognition of this celebrity who brought global notoriety to the City of Compton can extend appreciation to the life of noted music artist Eric Lynn Wright, otherwise known as, Eazy-E.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no anticipated fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION

Staff makes no recommendation concerning this request. The decision is at the discretion of the Compton City Council.

**JERRY GROOMES
CITY MANAGER**