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# Staff Report

## City of Manhattan Beach

**TO:** Honorable Mayor Aldinger and Members of the City Council

**THROUGH:** Geoff Dolan, City Manager

**FROM:** Lindy Coe-Juell, Assistant to the City Manager

**DATE:** November 20, 2007

**SUBJECT:** Consideration of a Resolution in Support of the Issuance of a Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that City Council adopt Resolution Number 6116 which supports the issuance of a stamp commemorating the achievements and legacy of the late Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles.

**FISCAL IMPLICATION:**

There is no fiscal impact related to the recommended action.

**DISCUSSION:**

At the November 6, 2007 City Council meeting, Mayor Jim Aldinger requested that the Council consider adopting a resolution in support of the issuance of a commemorative stamp for Tom Bradley. The late Tom Bradley contributed considerably to the cities of California as he served as Mayor of Los Angeles for 20 years from 1973 to 1993 and as he served as the President of the League of California Cities in 1979-1980.

The effort to urge the United States Postal Service to issue this commemorative stamp is supported by the Board of Directors for the League of California Cities (see attached letter) among many other public and private organizations.

Attachments: A. League Board of Directors letter dated October 31, 2007  
B. Resolution Number 6116

October 31, 2007

**TO: Mayors, Council Members and City Managers**

**FROM: League Board of Directors**

**RE: Resolution in Support of Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp**

At the September meeting of the League Board of Directors, a unanimous vote was taken to support the growing efforts of public and private organizations and individuals around California and the nation that are urging the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating the achievements and legacy of the late Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles.

The Board also agreed to develop and distribute a sample/model resolution that California's cities could use to take action in support of the issuance of a commemorative stamp. A copy of that resolution is attached. Please feel free to use it as a guide in constructing a resolution for your city that supports this effort.

Tom Bradley contributed considerably to the cities of California both in his capacity as Mayor of Los Angeles and President of the League of California Cities in 1979-80. The League Board of Directors asks your city to join in this effort.

Thank you for your consideration.

RESOLUTION NO. 6116

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF  
MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING A  
POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF TOM BRADLEY

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL FOR THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH  
DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby makes the following findings:

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's record of public service to the citizens of Los Angeles, the  
State of California and the nation has left a legacy for many to follow; and

WHEREAS, this record deserves the highest recognition from California and the nation;  
and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley attended the Los Angeles public school system and excelled  
both academically and athletically; and

WHEREAS, attended UCLA where he soon distinguished himself as a track star; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley joined the Los Angeles Police Department in 1940; and

WHEREAS, he worked full time as a police officer while attending Southwestern  
University Law School at night; and

WHEREAS, he graduated from Southwestern University in 1956 and passed the  
California state bar examination; and

WHEREAS, after 21 years of service, he retired from the Los Angeles Police  
Department with the rank of Lieutenant; and

WHEREAS, in 1963 he ran for the Los Angeles City Council and won first term on the  
Council, where he would serve a total of 10 years; and

WHEREAS, in 1973 Tom Bradley ran for Mayor of Los Angeles and was elected the  
37<sup>th</sup> Mayor of the largest city in California and one of the largest cities in the United States; and

WHEREAS, Mayor Bradley's record focused on a wide range of interests and issues for  
the citizens of Los Angeles, including the attraction of business to the city, the establishment of policies  
that resulted in the dramatic resurgence of downtown Los Angeles as an economic center, changes to  
the city's harbor and airports that made these facilities successful business operations that enables Los  
Angeles to compete successfully in the world market; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley's city colleagues from across the nation recognized his  
leadership qualities and elected him as the President of the National League of Cities in 1974; and

WHEREAS, Tom Bradley was elected President of the League of California Cities in  
1979-80; and

WHEREAS, the record of Tom Bradley's public service is so exceptional that it is  
specially fitting that the legacy of this great Californian and American be marked by the issuance of a  
special commemorative stamp by the United States Postal Service in his honor; now therefore be it that

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF MANHATTAN BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 2. That the City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and shall forward a copy of this Resolution to the Citizens Stamp Advisory Committee of the United States Postal Service for the issuance of a commemorative postal stamp in honor of the late Mayor Tom Bradley.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall make this Resolution reasonably available for public inspection within thirty (30) days of the date this Resolution is adopted.

SECTION 4. This resolution shall take effect immediately.

SECTION 5. The City Clerk shall certify to the adoption of this Resolution and thenceforth and thereafter the same shall be in full force and effect

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 20<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

Ayes:  
Noes:  
Absent:  
Abstain:

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Mayor, City of Manhattan Beach, California

ATTEST:

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City Clerk