



Date: February 14, 2006
To: Honorable Mayor and City Council
From: Councilwoman Laura Richardson, Sixth District *for CLR*
Subject: Recognition of Rosa Parks and the Montgomery Bus Boycott on Long Beach Transit Buses

Background

On October 24, 2005, civil rights leader Mrs. Rosa Parks died just six weeks shy of the 50th anniversary of the Montgomery Bus Boycott.

In honor of Mrs. Parks, the Los Angeles Department of Transportation, the Metropolitan Transportation Authority (MTA) and Foothill Transit Company have enacted tributes to Rosa Parks and the history of the boycott on the buses that they operate. These tributes have included special commemorative interior cards and/or the designation of a special "empty" seat.

Therefore, I respectfully request my colleague's support in implementing such a tribute for the remainder of 2006. Ideally, the tribute would include interior cards describing the history of the boycott and one "empty" seat tribute on each transit system (such as one on the "Pine Avenue Link", one on a "Village Tour D'Art", one on the "Aqua Bus", one on the "Passport" and one on a regular city bus line). Examples from other jurisdictions are attached.

Requested Action

Request the City Manager to work with Long Beach Transit to implement the Rosa Parks Montgomery Bus Boycott Tribute on Long Beach Transit Buses.

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