RESOLUTION NO. 6712

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, TO REDISTRIBUTE THE COMMUNITY DISCRETIONARY FUNDS OF COUNCILMEMBER WANDA LOVE TO THE REST OF THE CITY COUNCIL

WHEREAS, in 2000, the City of Gardena established a Community Discretionary Fund, allowing each Council Member to allocate up to \$2,000 to community organizations of their choosing per fiscal year; and

WHEREAS, a censure hearing for Councilmember Love was held at the August 12, 2025, regular City Council meeting. At that meeting, Resolution No. 6709 was adopted removing Councilmember Wanda Love's access and authority to distribute funds from the Community Discretionary Fund. The motion was made by Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, seconded by Councilmember Tanaka, and supported by Mayor Cerda. Councilmember Francis and Councilmember Love voted in opposition of Resolution No. 6709; and

WHEREAS, at the August 12, 2025, regular City Council meeting, Mayor Cerda gave a directive that a resolution be prepared to redistribute the \$2,000.00 from the Community Discretionary Fund, previously allocated to Councilmember Wanda Love, equally among the other four (4) Councilmembers. The directive was seconded by Councilmember Tanaka; and

WHEREAS, the City Council hereby reaffirms its commitment to the community by redistributing Councilmember Love's Discretionary account to ensure local community organizations can still benefit from this fund.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GARDENA, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY FIND, DETERMINE, AND RESOLVE, AS FOLLOWS:

<u>SECTION 1</u>. The City Council finds that the Recitals set forth above are true and correct, and are hereby incorporated herein by this reference, and are hereby adopted as findings in support of redistributing Councilmember Love's Community Discretionary Fund.

SECTION 2. In 2000, the City of Gardena established a Community Discretionary Fund, allowing each Council Member to allocate up to \$2,000 to community organizations of their choosing per fiscal year. Upon adoption of Resolution No. 6709, Councilmember Wanda Love no longer has access to or authority to distribute funds from the Community Discretionary Fund. This action shall remain in place until a majority of the Council votes to rescind it.

<u>SECTION 3</u>. Councilmember Love's Community Discretionary balance of \$2,000 will be evenly distributed each fiscal year among the three (3) following councilmembers: Mayor Pro Tem Henderson, Councilmember Tanaka, and Mayor Cerda. Each of the referenced Councilmembers, with the exception of Councilmember Love and Councilmember Francis, will have a balance of \$2,666.66 beginning each fiscal year. This action shall remain in place until a majority of the Council votes to rescind it.

SECTION 4. That this Resolution shall be effective immediately.

<u>SECTION 5</u>. That if any section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase of this resolution, or any part thereof is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portion of this resolution or any part thereof. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed each section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsection, subdivision, paragraph, sentence, clause or phrase be declared unconstitutional.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this Resolution; shall cause the same to be entered among the original Resolutions of said City; and shall make a minute of the passage and adoption thereof in the records of the proceedings of the City Council of said City in the minutes of the meeting at which the same is passed and adopted.

Passed, approved, and adopted this 26th day of August, 2025.

<u>Taslia (irda, Mayor</u> TASHA CERDA, Mayor

ATTEST:

Mina Semenya

MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

CARMEN VASQUEZ, City Attorney

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)

COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) SS:

CITY OF GARDENA)

I, MINA SEMENZA, City Clerk of the City of Gardena, do hereby certify that the whole number of members of the City Council of said City is five; that the foregoing Resolution, being Resolution No. 6712 duly passed and adopted by the City Council of said City of Gardena, approved and signed by the Mayor of said City, and attested by the City Clerk, all at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 26th day of August 2025, and that the same was so passed and adopted by the following roll call vote:

AYES:

MAYOR PRO TEM HENDERSON, COUNCIL MEMBER TANAKA, AND

MAYOR CERDA

NOES:

COUNCIL MEMBERS LOVE AND FRANCIS

ABSENT: NONE

City Clerk of the City of Gardena, California

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