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**Councilwoman Heather Hutt Authors Motion to name a part of Adams Boulevard as
“Reverend James Lawson Mile”**

[Los Angeles, CA] The Office of Council District 10 is excited to announce that, on September 19, 2023, Councilwoman Heather Hutt introduced a motion to rename a portion of Adams Boulevard as the “Rev. James Lawson Mile”.

Reverend James Morris Lawson Jr., was a true leader, who led the Civil Rights Movement through the development and teaching of nonviolent protest techniques, which he passed down to many influential leaders, such as Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. When Reverend Lawson moved to Los Angeles in 1974, he served as pastor of Holman United Methodist Church, where he would serve for two decades until his retirement in 1999. While living in Los Angeles, Reverend James Lawson continued to fight for civil rights, becoming an active participant in the Labor Movement, worked with the American Civil Liberties Union, and championed the movements for reproductive, LGBTQ+, and immigrant rights.

To recognize Reverend James Lawson’s leadership in the Civil Rights Movement, the way he championed human labor and civil rights, as well as his decades-long service as pastor of Holman United Methodist Church, the motion introduced by Councilwoman Hutt, moves that Adams Boulevard from Crenshaw Boulevard to Arlington Avenue be named as “Reverend James Lawson Mile”.

“Reverend James Lawson was a relentless advocate who, during the Civil Rights Movement, led Freedom Rides, advocated for voting rights, and truly built a legacy that left an indelible mark on social justice movements around the world.” said **Councilwoman Heather Hutt (CD10)**. “ As someone who pushed for a world of nonviolence and unity amongst all people, we must ensure that his legacy and name is carried on for generations to come. It brings me much joy to pay homage to the immense impact Reverend Lawson has made on our society by naming a portion of Adams Blvd. the “Reverend James Lawson Mile”.

The motion was seconded by Councilmember Marqueece Harrison Dawson (CD8).

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