

Council Meeting of  
November 20, 2007

Honorable Mayor and Members  
of the City Council  
City Hall  
Torrance, California

**Members of the Council:**

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

**RECOMMENDATION**

Recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt a Resolution in support of a Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp.

Funding

Not Applicable.

**BACKGROUND AND ANALYSIS**

At the City Council meeting of November 6, 2007, Your Honorable Body directed staff to bring forth a Resolution in support of a Tom Bradley Commemorative Stamp. The request for the Resolution adoption was received by the City Council from the California League of Cities' Board of Directors.

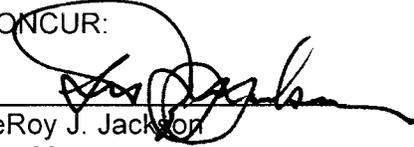
At the September meeting of the League Board of Directors, a unanimous vote was taken to support the growing efforts of public and private organizations and individuals around California and the nation in urging the United States Postal Service to issue a stamp commemorating the achievements and legacy of the late Tom Bradley, former Mayor of Los Angeles. 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 the City Council to join in this effort by adopting the attached Resolution.

Respectfully submitted,

LeROY J. JACKSON  
CITY MANAGER

By   
Aram Chaparyan  
Assistant to the City Manager

CONCUR:

  
LeRoy J. Jackson  
City Manager

Attachment: Resolution



**RESOLUTION NO. 2007-\_\_\_****A RESOLUTION BY THE TORRANCE CITY COUNCIL IN SUPPORT OF ISSUING  
A POSTAL STAMP IN HONOR OF MAYOR TOM BRADLEY**

**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**, he 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 his 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 - 1980; and

**WHEREAS**, the record of Tom Bradley's public service is so exceptional that it is especially 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 RESOLVED** THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TORRANCE HEREBY communicate its support 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.

Introduced, approved and adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of November, 2007.

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Mayor Frank Scotto

APPROVED AS TO FORM:  
JOHN FELLOWS III, City Attorney

ATTEST:

by \_\_\_\_\_  
Ronald T. Pohl, Assistant City Attorney

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Sue Herbers  
City Clerk