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## **ALARCÓN TO INTRODUCE AMENDING MOTION TO NAME THE NEW POLICE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING “TOM BRADLEY CENTER”**

**Los Angeles, CA** – Tomorrow, Los Angeles City Councilmember Richard Alarcón will be introducing a motion to amend agenda item #11, regarding the naming of the new Police Administration Building. The Police Administration Building is currently under construction and it is expected to be dedicated later this year. The building is located at the intersection of First Street and Main Street, in the heart of Downtown, across from City Hall and at one corner of Tom Bradley Square. Alarcón’s amending motion asks that the new building be named “Tom Bradley Center” as an expansion of the currently existing Tom Bradley Square.

Additionally, the motion acknowledges the work and commitment of all former Los Angeles police chiefs by asking for a report to the City Council from appropriate departments on individually recognizing the police chiefs who have led the LAPD, with this recognition to be incorporated into the new Tom Bradley Center.

“Over the last decades, we’ve seen the Los Angeles Police Department make tremendous strides in crime reduction, increased diversity and an improved relationship with the community, and Mayor Tom Bradley, a former LAPD officer himself, helped lead this positive change,” said Councilmember Richard Alarcón. “The naming of the new Police Administration Building as the Tom Bradley Center honors all that Mayor Bradley stood for and brought to Los Angeles, and will stand as a reminder of our commitment to his ideals of justice, diversity and hope for generations to come.”

Tom Bradley arrived in Los Angeles in 1924, the son of sharecroppers and the grandson of slaves. In 1940, he became a member of the Los Angeles Police Department and subsequently became a lieutenant, the highest rank held by an African-American police officer at that time. When he was elected Mayor, he opened the doors of City Hall – his staff and administrative appointees represented the rich cultural fabric of Los Angeles. He worked to attract business to the City and his policies helped spearhead the resurgence of Downtown. During his 20 years as Mayor he showed his commitment to fair law enforcement and community partnership with the Police Department.

Councilmember Alarcón’s motion, which acknowledges the tremendous impact that Mayor Bradley had on the City of Los Angeles and the Los Angeles Police Department, will be seconded by Council President Eric Garcetti, Councilmember Wendy Greuel and Councilmember Bill Rosendahl.