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ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION

Blanca Rubio, Chair

ACR 192 (Ta) – As Amended June 8, 2026

**SUBJECT:** Little Saigon DMV

**SUMMARY:** This measure would designate the Department of Motor Vehicles (DMV) field office located at 13700 Hoover Street in the City of Westminster as the Little Saigon DMV. This resolution would request the Department of General Services (DGS) to determine the cost of erecting appropriate signage commemorating this special designation and, upon receiving donations from nonstate sources covering that cost, to erect that signage.

**EXISTING LAW:**

- 1) Establishes DGS under the Government Operations Agency (GovOps) and provides that DGS serve as the business manager for the State of California.
- 2) Establishes GovOps and makes it responsible for administering state operations including procurement, information technology, and human resources.

**FISCAL EFFECT:** This resolution is keyed fiscal by Legislative Counsel.

**COMMENTS:**

Purpose of this resolution. According to the author's office, "After the fall of Saigon, Vietnam, in 1975, more than 2,500,000 Vietnamese refugees and immigrants fled to the United States in search of freedom, with over 800,000 resettling in California. A majority of these refugees settled in Orange County, in a community that would later be known as "Little Saigon," which is predominantly located in the cities of Westminster, Garden Grove, Fountain Valley, Santa Ana, and the unincorporated area of Midway City. This quickly became the largest Vietnamese Diaspora community in the world and was officially recognized by Governor George Deukmejian in 1988. ACR 192 would give the people of Westminster a sense of pride in their city by honoring their homeland, which was taken from them, by renaming the DMV, located in the heart of Little Saigon, Orange County."

**Background.**

According to information provided by the author's office, "In April 1975, the capital of South Vietnam, Saigon, fell to the Vietnamese communists, and over the following 48 years, millions of Vietnamese have fled communist oppression in their homeland. More than 2.5 million Vietnamese refugees and immigrants became permanent residents and citizens of the United States, and over 800,000 resettled in California.

In June 1988, Governor George Deukmejian recognized the importance of Little Saigon as a major cultural, social, and commercial center of southern California, and freeway signs officially designating the Vietnamese business district in the Cities of Westminster and Garden Grove as "Little Saigon" were unveiled. The signs gave official status to the title "Little Saigon," recalling the name of the South Vietnamese capital more than a decade after it was changed to Ho Chi

Minh City by the communist government. Little Saigon is the largest Vietnamese community outside of Vietnam and is a destination for tourists and refugees from all over the world.

The designation of Little Saigon in the County of Orange represents the very first "Little Saigon" in the United States. One can find all types of services and businesses in Little Saigon, including restaurants, supermarkets, medical clinics and centers, pharmacies, and law offices serving the Vietnamese American community, as well as other local and surrounding area residents in the County of Orange. Tét festivals and parades in Little Saigon celebrating the Vietnamese lunar New Year have attracted thousands of participants.

Vietnamese voters in Little Saigon are now a significant voting bloc, and Vietnamese Americans are political leaders on the city councils of the Cities of Fountain Valley, Garden Grove, Santa Ana, and Westminster, and on the Orange County Board of Supervisors, as well as on the school boards in school districts serving these areas.

The Vietnamese community in Little Saigon pioneered many political movements, demanding freedom in Vietnam and fighting against the oppression and dictatorship carried out by the totalitarian communist regime, whose oppression is the main reason for slow economic growth in Vietnam. The Vietnamese community has launched a campaign demanding the immediate release of all prisoners of conscience, who mainly ask that fundamental human rights be afforded to all of Vietnam's citizens and seek the separation of powers and removal of the one-party system.

The author states that ACR 192 will give the people of Westminster a sense of pride in their city, located in the heart of Little Saigon, Orange County.”

California DMV Westminster Field Office. The Westminster DMV Field Office at 13700 Hoover Street is a standalone, single-story civic building located in a dense, flat urban sector of Orange County. The state-owned property was constructed in 1974. The overall parcel/lot size is 2.45 acres (106,763 square feet). The office provides comprehensive driver's licensing, identification, and vehicle registration services. Convenient self-service touchscreen machines are also available. These kiosks provide a fast and efficient way for customers to complete registration, driver's license transactions, and other services without needing to wait in line.

The California Department of General Services (DGS). DGS serves as the business manager for the state, with nearly 4,500 employees and a budget of \$1.3 billion. DGS serves the public by providing a variety of services to state agencies through procurement and acquisition solutions; real estate management and design; environmentally friendly transportation; professional printing, design and web services; administrative hearings; legal services; building standards; oversight of structural safety, fire/life safety and accessibility for the design and construction of K-12 public schools and community colleges; funding for school construction; and disability access.

Prior legislation. SCR 47 (Glazer), Chapter 141, Statutes of 2023. This resolution designated the plaza at the center of the California State Capitol World Peace Rose Garden in the City of Sacramento as the Chief Justice Rose Elizabeth Bird Justice For All Plaza. The measure would also request DGS to determine the cost of erecting appropriate plaques and markers showing the designation and, upon receiving donations, to cover the cost to erect signage.

AB 1762 (Mathis), Chapter 205, Statutes of 2022. Authorized a nonprofit organization representing Gold Star Families, in consultation with DGS, to plan, construct, and maintain a monument to the Gold Star Families of California on the grounds of the State Capitol, as specified.

SCR 70 (Caballero), Resolution Chapter 177, Statutes of 2022. Designated the East End Complex-Block 171 in Sacramento as the Mario Obledo Building.

AB 338 (Ramos), Chapter 280, Statutes of 2021. Authorized the construction and maintenance of a monument to the California Native people of the Sacramento, California, region on the grounds of the State Capitol, as specified. Additionally, the bill deleted the requirement that DGS erect and maintain a monument to Father Junipero Serra on the grounds of the State Capitol.

SCR 31 (Bradford), Resolution Chapter 1, Statutes of 2020. Named the public street, circle, and plaza at 914 and 915 Capitol Mall in Sacramento as the Willie L. Brown, Jr. Circle and Plaza.

ACR 46 (Alpert), Res. Chapter 98, Statutes of 1995. Recommended a privately funded World Peace Rose Garden Memorial be established at the State Capitol Park Grounds, as specified.

**REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:**

**Support**

None on file

**Opposition**

None on file

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