

Date of Hearing: August 13, 2026

ASSEMBLY COMMITTEE ON RULES

Blanca Pacheco, Chair

HR 133 (Celeste Rodriguez) – As Introduced August 5, 2026

SUBJECT: 818 Day.

SUMMARY: Designates August 18, 2026, as 818 Day to recognize the cultural, historic, and economic contributions of the San Fernando Valley. Specifically, **this resolution** makes the following legislative findings:

- 1) The San Fernando Valley (Valley), proudly identified by its iconic 818 area code, is home to more than 1.8 million residents and stands as one of the most diverse, resilient, and culturally significant regions in the State of California.
- 2) Long before the Valley's neighborhoods, schools, businesses, and institutions took shape, this land was the ancestral home of the Tongva, Tataviam, Fernandeño Tataviam, and Chumash peoples, whose stewardship, traditions, languages, and deep relationship with the land have endured for thousands of years and continue to enrich the region today.
- 3) Once known for its vast citrus groves, ranches, and fertile farmland, the Valley's agricultural heritage laid the foundation for its growth, attracting generations of farmworkers whose labor helped establish the region as an important center of California's economy and food production.
- 4) The Valley has long served as a gateway for people seeking opportunity, safety, and a better future, welcoming generations of families from Mexico, Central America, Asia, the Middle East, Africa, Europe, and every corner of the world who have built thriving neighborhoods, small businesses, houses of worship, and more.
- 5) The Northeast San Fernando Valley has grown into a vibrant Latino-majority community whose civic engagement and leadership have strengthened representation at every level of government, culminating in historic milestones such as the election of Alex Padilla, the first Latino to represent California in the United States Senate.
- 6) Pacoima, often recognized as America's first Black suburb, became the central hub for Black settlement in the Valley during the 1940s and 1950s because it was one of the few communities where African Americans could legally purchase and own property, and generations of Black families, entrepreneurs, educators, faith leaders, and civil rights advocates helped shape the neighborhood into a vibrant center of culture, leadership, and community pride.
- 7) The Valley is home to one of the largest Jewish populations in the United States, and generations of Jewish leaders, educators, business owners, and community advocates have strengthened the Valley through service, philanthropy, and a commitment to building inclusive and welcoming communities.

- 8) The Valley is a diverse, cultured, and influential region, offering a vast array of attractions to visitors. With 260 square miles, the Valley boasts everything from historic movie studios to rugged mountains.
- 9) The Valley includes independent cities like the Cities of Burbank, Glendale, Calabasas, and San Fernando. It also encompasses dozens of City of Los Angeles neighborhoods such as North Hollywood, Sherman Oaks, Encino, Van Nuys, and Northridge, each with its own character, history, and charm.

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

REGISTERED SUPPORT / OPPOSITION:

Support

None on file

Opposition

None on file

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