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COUNCIL, MAYOR, PUBLIC WORKS COMMISSION RE-NAME PUBLIC WORKS BOARD ROOM IN HONOR OF EDWARD R. ROYBAL

Dedication Includes Unveiling of Bronzed Likeness of Legendary Figure

The Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the Public Works Commission today officially re-named the commission's meeting place as the *Board of Public Works Edward R. Roybal Session Room* in honor of one of the most esteemed and well respected public figures in the city's history.

The ceremony included the unveiling of a 5-foot tall bronzed bust and pedestal of the legendary Roybal who served on the Los Angeles City council from 1949 to 1962.

Joining the ceremony were Los Angeles City Councilmembers including Councilmembers Ed P. Reyes who acted as Master of Ceremonies, Council President Eric Garcetti, Mayor Antonio Villaraigosa and members of the Public Works Commission including its President Cynthia Ruiz.

The effort to re-name the historic Public Works Board Room was initiated through a resolution by Councilmember Ed P. Reyes in November shortly after the October 24th passing of the revered lawmaker. The resolution was unanimously approved by City Councilmembers each of whom contributed to the bust and pedestal created by local artist Pedro Rios Martinez.

Also present at today's ceremony were the late Congressman's wife Lucille, his daughter Lilian Roybal-Rose and Lucille Roybal-Allard who currently serves as a United States Congresswoman.

The engraving reads:

*Edward R. Roybal
Los Angeles City Councilman 1949-1962
U.S. Congressman 1963-1993*

A devoted public servant and a man of the people who believed in a government committed to helping the underrepresented, the dispossessed, and the forgotten.

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