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Los Angeles City Council Presentation to Declare Composer Leonard Bernstein 100 Day In City of Los Angeles

WHAT: Councilmember Paul Koretz (CD5) will host a Council Presentation to honor the late American composer Leonard Bernstein who would have turned 100 years old on August 25, 2018. The Councilmember will hold a special presentation and will present a Resolution signed by Mayor Garcetti and all 15 members of the City Council to declare Saturday, August 25, "Leonard Bernstein Day in LA". Councilmember Koretz will be joined by executives from the GRAMMY Museum and the Skirball Cultural Center, which is presenting the exhibition *Leonard Bernstein at 100*, a magnificent celebration of his life and work that is running until September 2.

WHEN: 10:00 a.m.

WHERE: John Ferraro Council Chamber, Room 340,
Los Angeles City Hall, 200 N. Spring St., Los Angeles, CA 90012

WHO: Scott Goldman, Artistic Director, The GRAMMY Museum will speak on behalf of the GRAMMY Museum & the Skirball Cultural Center
Samuel Paul, media consultant to The Leonard Bernstein Office will accept the resolution

WHY: Leonard Bernstein, whose 100th birthday will be celebrated on August 25, was a revered conductor and pianist, a composer of ageless music, a compassionate teacher of inspiring insight, a fervent battler for human rights, and a beloved contributor to the artistic soul of Los Angeles. The Leonard Bernstein Centennial is being celebrated on six continents, with over 3,000 performances of his works to be presented around the world.

The City of Los Angeles has been celebrating since last fall, with dozens of performances by many of our great local institutions including the Los Angeles Philharmonic (at both Disney Hall and the Hollywood Bowl) and LA Opera. A retrospective exhibition, currently at the Skirball Cultural Center and curated by the GRAMMY Museum, displays more than 150 objects - including photographs, papers, scores, correspondence, costumes, furniture, and films, as well as interactive displays - exploring half a century of activity by this renowned musician who was dedicated to making classical music a vibrant part of American life. As one of the leading Jewish cultural institutions in the country, the Skirball is a fitting partner for this LA engagement, because as much as the GRAMMY Museum is about music, the Skirball recognizes Bernstein as an engaged citizen, of Jewish ancestry, who lent his voice to many social justice causes - in keeping with the Skirball's mission to celebrate core Jewish values and help build a better world.

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