

## Resolution

### Establish Eastside Women's Day on March 13th

February 13<sup>th</sup>, 2015

To: Boyle Heights Neighborhood Council

From: Eastside Mujeres Network

On March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2014 Lorenza Arellano's body was tragically found in the Hollenbeck Lake.

*Whereas* The media and authorities, without awareness that she was a community resident and received services from different organizations in Boyle Heights, labeled her as a transient individual. Lorenza was a mother, aunt, sister, friend, and participated in community events. Unfortunately, what led to her disturbing situation is the lack of care and services for women in Boyle Heights.

*Whereas* According to Modares (2013), women make up 50% of the population in the community. Furthermore, it is known that 27% of all households in Boyle Heights are headed by single mothers (ELAWC Community Assessment Report 2013). Single mothers are also the main economic provider working multiple jobs to sustain their family.

*Whereas* Lorenza Arellano was not and is not the only woman struggling.

*Whereas* Eastside Mujeres Network was established after a group of different organizations in the Eastside gathered to respond to Lorenza Arellano's case. We organized a Justice and Peace Vigil on April 25<sup>th</sup>, 2014 to honor Lorenza and to create a safe space for her family to mourn. The network is composed of: Proyecto Pastoral, East Los Angeles Women's Center, Mujeres de Maiz, Justice for My Sister, Community Centered Emergency Room Project, and Phillips & Urias, LLP.

*Whereas* We are aware that women in Boyle Heights face different issues ranging from domestic violence, healthcare access, homelessness, to immigration status concerns. We are able to respond to those issues; especially by collaborating in a cooperative manner to create systems of care for women and their families.

*Therefore, be it resolved*

To dedicate March 13<sup>th</sup> as "Eastside Women's Day" and plan an event around issues affecting women, but also provide solutions.