

## **Update: Feb. 22 Board Chair Burke Proposes Renaming 7th/Metro Station to Honor Julian Dixon**



**U.S. Rep.  
Julian Dixon**

**(Feb. 22) Approved by the Board of Directors.**

(Feb. 15) Board Chair Yvonne Burke said, Thursday, the 7th and Metro station should be renamed to honor the late U.S. Rep. Julian Dixon, long regarded as the leading supporter in congress of Los Angeles' commuter rail system.

The Executive Management committee gave unanimous approval to Burke's motion to rename the station the "Seventh/Metro Center Julian Dixon Metro Rail station."

As a hub for the Metro Red Line and Metro Blue Line, the station serves more than 60,000 passengers each weekday.

Burke's motion calls for a plaque to be placed in a prominent location at the station to describe Dixon's contributions to public transit. She expects the full Board to approve her motion at the Feb. 22 meeting.

### **'Our voice in Washington'**

"Congressman Dixon was our voice in Washington," Burke told MTA Report. "He fought when no one else would to make sure we were fully funded. He has been identified with Los Angeles County transportation."

Burke said she is recommending the 7th and Metro Station because "that station brings together two important rail lines, both of which he was key in assisting us with funding."

She said Dixon also helped provide funds for revamping Metro Bus service and for more than a dozen municipal bus operators.

Dixon, who represented his West LA district for 22 years, died Dec. 8, 2000, at age 66. He was the ranking Democrat on the House Intelligence committee.

Burke praised the late congressman as a leader who "saw beyond the borders of his own district and beyond the next election."

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