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MTA Officially Dedicates Pico Metro Blue Line Station in Honor of Legendary L.A. Lakers Broadcaster Chick Hearn

MTA Board Chairman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky joined Mayor Jim Hahn, Los Angeles Lakers officials and Mrs. Chick Hearn today to officially dedicate the Pico Station of the Los Angeles to Long Beach Metro Blue Line in honor of the legendary Lakers broadcaster Chick Hearn.

Los Angeles Mayor and MTA Board member Jim Hahn made the motion in late 2002 at an MTA Board meeting. He credited Chick Hearn for being the voice of the Los Angeles Lakers for more than four decades, broadcasting 3,338 consecutive games. Chick Hearn, born Francis Dayle Hearn, died Aug. 2, 2002.

In his motion before the MTA Board of Directors Mayor Hahn noted "By virtue of his announcing abilities, Chick Hearn was able to transport fans to courtside seats of the Los Angeles Lakers' games by radio for over 40 years. Chick Hearn was more than an announcer. He was a pioneer, and innovator, a promoter, a friend, a father and a husband. He will be sorely missed."

In honor of the achievements of Chick Hearn and his contributions to the game of basketball, MTA today unveiled a plaque in his honor that will be installed on the platform level of the Pico Station of the Metro Blue Line. The station is located at Pico and Flower Street in downtown Los Angeles. The station was chosen due to its close proximity to the Staples Center where the Lakers play.

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Mrs. Chick Hearn, left, unveils plaque installed at the Pico Station of the Metro Blue Line. MTA Board Chairman and Los Angeles County Supervisor Zev Yaroslavsky, at right, and Los Angeles Mayor Jim Hahn, center, joined Los Angeles Lakers officials at the dedication of the Staples Center destination station in honor of the legendary Lakers broadcaster Chick Hearn.

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