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In her illustrious career, Gloria Molina not only served as a State Assemblymember and on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors, but from 1987 to 1991 she served as the Los Angeles City Councilmember for Council District 1. As steward of Council District 1, she was the first Latina ever elected to the legislative body. After serving one term, she made her way to the County of Los Angeles where she served a 23 year term representing Supervisorial District 1 - also the first Latina to ever hold a position on this body. Her political prowess is a testament to her tenacity, as well as her service to the community.

Gloria Molina grew up in Pico Rivera, a suburb of Los Angeles, and has long been a champion for the Latino community. Her political upbringing was born out of the politics of the 1970's and 80's, advocating for Mexican American advancement and empowerment. From advocating for women's health, to supporting community members in East LA in the stopping of a prison being built, she was unapologetic in her advancement to support the communities she served and identified with.

Her service to her community didn't stop there, she also created systemic changes in supporting foster youth graduating from high school. Through her pilot program, she had social workers support in tracking and managing foster youth's progress. This was critical in raising the graduation rate from the national average of 58% to 80%.

Molina paved the way for other women of color to take positions in political office. Since Molina broke the barrier for Latina representatives on City Council, there have been multiple Latinas elected to council - two of which are currently seated in City Council today.

Gloria Molina's numerous achievements and diligent support of the community deserves to be commemorated here at City Hall.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the portion of the Observation Deck in Tom Bradley Tower overlooking Grand Park be renamed the "Gloria Molina Observation Deck".

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