



Media Advisory

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City of Compton to Posthumously Honor Attorney Maxcy D. Filer with Intersection Naming

Compton, CA – The City of Compton invites the media to attend the installation ceremony of Attorney Maxcy Dean Filer Square. The ceremony will recognize the life and legacy of Mr. Filer, who passed away in 2011, and his decades of service as a pioneering civil rights leader, longtime public servant, and community advocate.

Maxcy D. Filer was more than a leader, he was the conscience of Compton. His lifelong commitment to justice, civil rights, and public service laid a foundation that continues to shape our city today. Naming this intersection in his honor ensures that future generations will know his story and be reminded that courageous perseverance and resilient determination can create lasting change,” said Compton Councilwoman Deidre M. Duhart.

Known affectionately as “Mr. Compton,” Mr. Filer dedicated his life to justice, equity, and community empowerment. His civic leadership began with his role as President of the Compton Branch of the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People. In this capacity, he championed voter registration drives, fought housing discrimination, and represented Southern California at the historic 1963 March on Washington. Following the 1965 Watts riots, he testified before the McCone Commission, where he exposed systemic inequities affecting the Black community and advocated for equal access to housing, employment, and healthcare.

Mr. Filer was appointed to the Compton Personnel Board in 1971 and later elected in 1977 as the City’s First District Councilmember. After earning his law degree, he practiced law in Compton, continuing his lifelong commitment to serving residents and advancing justice.

Please join us in honoring the legacy of an extraordinary leader who helped shape the City of Compton.

Event Details

Saturday, January 24

10 a.m.

Intersection of Arbutus Avenue and Matthisen Street

**Media’s encouraged to attend to capture remarks and interview Filer family members. Visuals will include the formal unveiling of the Filer Square signs in front of the family home, recognizing Mr. Filer’s lasting impact on the City of Compton and beyond.*

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