



April 3, 2019

Park Mesa Heights Community Council  
5349 Crenshaw Blvd., #107  
Los Angeles, CA 90043

Dear Park Mesa NC Family,

You have lost an ally, a brother, a son. I am not a super fan of rap music, but it was Kahllid, and Councilman Harris-Dawson, who made me aware of Ermias Nipsey Hussle Ashgedom during a conversation at a SLAANC meeting where the work he was doing in the community was mentioned. The Councilman described Vortec 90 and Kahllid hinted at other projects under development. I did my research and Ermias earned my instant respect. For me he represented all the genius that I've always believed was housed in the minds of Crips and Bloods. I was so happy to see that genius manifested and shining in our community.

And then Sunday afternoon happened. After I heard the news I sat and stared out of my window with a tear stained soul. Clouds began to roll in, filtering the sun a little bit, and a chill filled the air. South LA became a whole mood.

I am devastated by this loss. I know that you all feel it more than I, and that those who knew and loved him feel it the most. I extend my heartfelt condolences to the family and to you. You have my support on any initiative you create to honor his legacy!

I will leave you with this. My cousin was laying tracks with Ermias in the studio a month and a half ago. He posed for a picture with my cousin's daughter. They talked about parenting. Ermias asked for advice on being a good father. He shared how he wanted to journey to Tibet to meditate with the Monks.

He was humble.

He wanted to be a better man.

He wanted peace.

With Continued Purpose,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Thryeris Mason", written in a cursive style.

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