

Homer Broome and Marian Broome were Trail Blazers

***H*omer was appointed as a Los Angeles Policeman in February 1954. He rose through the Police ranks receiving appointments as Captain of Police in July 1969; Captain II, 1971; Captain III in July 1973; and Commander of Police in June 1975. Homer was the first Black L.A.P.D. officer appointed to these positions.**

Homer was founding member, Board Member and Officer for the National Organization of Black Law Enforcement Executives (NOBLE) and the Association of Black Law Enforcement Administrators.

Homer is the author of several published and unpublished works including: “L.A.P.D.’s Black History – 1886 to 1976”. He has also written “A Critical In-depth Evaluation of the Los Angeles Probation Department’s Group Guidance Program” and “A Critical Examination of the Los Angeles Police Department’s Internal Communication System”. Additionally he is co-author of a Police-Community Relations syllabus.

Homer lectured and instructed at the University of California at Los Angeles, University of Southern California, Los Angeles Police Academy, Windsor University, California State University at Los Angeles, Atlanta University and Los Angeles Community College. He held a lifetime California Community College teaching credential (Business and Industrial Management; Police Science).

President Jimmy Carter appointed Homer as Deputy Administrator and then to Administrator of the Department of Justice’s Law Enforcement Assistance Administration (LEAA) in 1978.

Mayor Tom Bradley appointed Homer to the Los Angeles City Board of Public Works in 1981 where he served as Vice President of the Commission.

Homer was a very successful entrepreneur for over 20 years, and presided as president of the Greater Los Angeles African American Chamber of Commerce (GLAAACC). The Homer F. Broome award is presented by GLAAACC annually in recognition of Homer’s commitment to the community.

The L.A.P.D.’s Southwest Division Station was renamed to honor Homer’s accomplishments to the Homer F. Broome Southwest Division Station and has a bust in his likeness within the lobby.

Marian, as the founding director of the UCLA Emeriti Center, provided essential counsel to the retired professors of the university as they prepared and planned for their future. The UCLA Emeriti Center was the first of its kind to emerge on any campus in the nation. Marian was given the responsibility, by Chancellor Charles Young, to create a department that had no reference for design or implementation.

Marian took on the challenge and succeeded beyond expectations. In recognition of her extraordinary efforts, Marian was awarded the academic title, Director Emeritus by the President and Senate of the California University System upon her retirement. In 2010 the UCLA Emeriti Center Fund Advisory Committee decided to memorialize Marian's service to UCLA by having the Center's Fund carry her name: The Marian G. Broome Fund.

Marian also served as the President of the City of Los Angeles Transportation Commission; as a Member of the American Red Cross Board, the Southeast Symphony, the Ralph Bunch Center at UCLA, the California African American Museum, the Alzheimer's Association; and as a Docent of the Los Angeles Philharmonic Orchestra.

To honor her husband's achievements while recognizing his commitment to education and community, Marian created the Homer F. Broome, Jr. Family Foundation – now the Homer F. and Marian G. Broome Jr. Family Foundation. Marian also served as Chairwoman of the foundation.

Marian was married to Homer for fifty years; raised two children and was grandmother to four.