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SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

ORDINANCE

**THE NAMING OF THE SPORTS COMPLEX AT OLD SPANISH
WALKING TRAILS PARK TO EDWARD D. GARZA SOCCER
COMPLEX LOCATED AT 3668 FREDERICKSBURG RD IN
COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.**

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WHEREAS, Councilmember Dr. Sukh Kaur submitted a request to name the sports complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park the Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park; and

WHEREAS, the Old Spanish Walking Trails soccer fields, located on the northwest side of District 1, have been a cherished part of the community where kids of all backgrounds and ages build character, community, and camaraderie; and

WHEREAS, activation of these fields was accomplished with the vision of former City Councilmember and Mayor Edward D. Garza. In addition to the milestone partnerships that laid the groundwork for the development of Toyota and Texas A&M San Antonio, Mayor Ed Garza always had a vision to see San Antonio grow as a place for soccer. Through his work with the Urban Champions Soccer Academy, Old Spanish Walking Trails Park has helped thousands of kids become stronger leaders and team members through sport. The proposed naming is in honor of the former Mayor for his contribution to the San Antonio community and recognizes his work in support of developing its future young leaders; and

WHEREAS, staff followed the naming process in accordance with the Ordinance No. 2011-03-31-0239. and

WHEREAS, a committee was established to hold a public hearing on this proposal. The public hearing was held on Tuesday July 9, 2024 at 6:00 p.m. The committee consisted of Robert Zamora, Community Representative selected by the Councilmember Dr. Sukh Kaur, Council District 1, and Homer Garcia, Director of the Parks and Recreation Department; and

WHEREAS, notification was mailed to those within a two thousand (2,000) foot radius of the New Medical Center Area Park. Publication was placed in the San Antonio Express News; San Antonio Report; SA Speak Up; e-blast to the Parks and Recreation Department's 4,500 subscribers; and District 1 communication platforms. Based on the responses received from the public notice mailout and both in-person and written comment, 22 notices were in favor of the proposed naming and 3 notices in opposition; and

WHEREAS, following public input, the public hearing concluded with the committee recommending moving forward to the City Council the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located in Council District 1.

NOW THEREFORE:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:

SECTION 1. The City Manager or designee, or the Director of Parks and Recreation or designee is authorized to approve the naming of the Sports Complex at Old Spanish Walking Trails Park to Edward D. Garza Soccer Complex located at 3668 Fredericksburg Rd in Council District 1.

SECTION 2. There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

SECTION 3. No fiscal ordinance language required.

SECTION 4. This Ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15th day of August, 2024.

M A Y O R
Ron Nirenberg

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

Andrew Segovia, City Attorney