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TO: Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk

FROM: Councilmember Teri Castillo, District 5

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SUBJECT: Designation of Fuentes-Sanchez Alley

DATE: Friday, May 24, 2024

Issue for Proposed Consideration

After coordinating this Council Consideration Request (CCR) with the City Manager, I respectfully request for your support for the inclusion of the following item on the agenda of the earliest available meeting of the Governance Committee:

Requesting consideration of the Designation of Fuentes-Sanchez Alley CCR.

Brief Background

The alley is in the Historic Westside Residents neighborhood in District 5 just north of Lanier High School, east of South Brazos, west of South Pinto, north of Saunders Avenue, and south of Cesar E. Chavez Blvd (map attached).

This alley will be named in honor of Amelia Fuentes and Isabel & Enrique Sanchez, who lifted an entire generation of Lanier Volks to higher education opportunities. All three individuals attended and graduated from Lanier High School and committed their lives to being education advocates for inner city students. Their advocacy led to the creation of the Fuentes-Sanchez Lanier Scholarship Fund, which has distributed over \$200,000 to college-bound Lanier graduates over the last twenty years.

Beyond the scholarship opportunities, these individuals exemplified what it means to be selfless proponents of education and a voice for their community every day. If a parent had an issue that



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they were unable or afraid to address, they would call on Isabel who would attend meetings at their side or speak to teachers, administrators, or even other parents on their behalf.

The group advocated for Westside schools at every level throughout their lives. They spoke with superintendents, gave public testimony at school board meetings, coordinated letter-writing campaigns. Their work even led to the creation of PTAs at the elementary, middle, and high school levels. Over the decades, they formed deep friendships with many of the children and their families throughout the Westside – especially in the Lanier area.

Isabel and the group were also active in other important areas such as cultural arts and free speech, protection for the Edwards Aquifer, maintenance of public space, and historical preservation in the Westside. The Fuentes-Sanchez presence could be seen at a variety of events - dancing, marching for community, and representing their neighbors at City Council meetings.

The unnamed alley is located just north of Lanier High School right in the center of the Historic Westside Residents neighborhood, which is where Amelia, Isabel, and Enrique helped thousands of students and parents over the years. Today, students often use this service alley to walk to nearby schools, parks, and other destinations, so it is an appropriate location to establish a permanent physical reminder of the positive impact of the Fuentes-Sanchez legacy.

Amelia Fuentes, Isabel Sanchez, y Enrique Sanchez ¡Presente!

Request

I request your support in designating the unnamed District 5 alleyway located east of South Brazos, west of South Pinto, north of Saunders Avenue, and south of Cesar E. Chavez Blvd. as *Fuentes-Sanchez Alley* in honor of Amelia Fuentes and Isabel & Enrique Sanchez.

Submitted for Council consideration by:

Councilmember Teri Castillo

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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (exactly 4)

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Proposed Street Name
Unnamed Alley to
Sanchez-Fuentes / Fuentes-Sanchez Alley

Unnamed Alley Segment

— Unnamed Alley Segment

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