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COUNCIL CONSIDERATION REQUEST

TO: Debbie Racca-Sittre, City Clerk
FROM: Councilmember Adriana Rocha Garcia, District 4
COPIES: Erik Walsh, City Manager; Andy Segovia, City Attorney
SUBJECT: **Updating Process for Naming of City Facilities**
DATE: Thursday February 13, 2025

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 **Updating Process for Naming of City Facilities.**

Brief Background

City facilities represent anchors for our communities. These facilities are libraries, parks, recreation centers, senior centers, and rooms and spaces within these buildings. Our communities appreciate these spaces and have demonstrated a commitment to keeping the character as localized as possible.

Although many of our parks and centers represent the cultural heritage and traditions of our neighborhoods and honor individuals who have made significant positive impacts, the process is not without controversy. Like other cities in Texas, San Antonio has a process for naming facilities, however, Chapter 6, Article XVI has not been amended since 2011. Over a decade later, with many naming committees created and changes voted on, it is time to reevaluate our ordinance and propose changes to better fit our current needs.



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Request

I request that city staff, upon consideration of the City Council evaluate the following amendments to the ordinance in consultation with past naming committee members and community representatives:

- Increase the notification distance requirement from 200 feet to 500 feet, in addition to notifying registered neighborhood associations or community groups within 2 miles of the facility
- Increase the required number of public meetings from one to two, if mail-out notice responses indicate a 50% or greater opposition to the requested name change
- Public meetings must be held at nearest possible location, accessible to the public, from the facility in question
- Naming committee composed of odd number of representatives, including a member of the San Antonio Parks Foundation if the facility is maintained by the City's Parks and Recreation Department
- Naming Committee may entertain additional names submitted by the community for recommendation to City Council, instead of only considering submitted name
- If initial naming request is submitted by a Councilmember to honor an individual, the individual may not be related to the respective Councilmember

Submitted for Council consideration by: _____



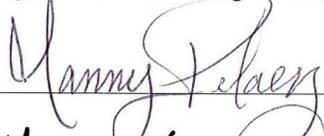
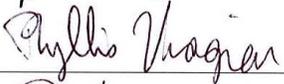
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Supporting Councilmembers' Signatures (exactly 4)

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