

City of San Antonio

Agenda Memorandum

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In Control: City Council A Session

DEPARTMENT: Office of the City Manager

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Erik Walsh, City Manager

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Resolution affirming the City's commitment to inclusivity and designating the area in front of City Hall as Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas

SUMMARY:

On December 9, 2021, Councilmember Manny Pelaez issued a Council Consideration Request (CCR) requesting City Staff designate the circular area in front of City Hall to Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

For over three centuries, the area in front of City Hall has been the site of public rallies, parades, submission of community petitions and press conferences for local government and organizations. The recent City Hall renovations added ramps and created a fully accessible entrance. The CCR calls on City Staff to designate the circular area in front of City Hall as Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas to reflect the inclusionary spirit of these improvements.

City Staff has coordinated with the Canary Islands Descendants Association and they have expressed support to designate the front of City Hall as Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas.

ISSUE:

Article XVI of the City Code sets out the process for naming City facilities. City Council has the discretion to waive or modify those requirements. This action is not a renaming but a designation of the area in front of City Hall as Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas. No new signage is planned as a part of this action.

ALTERNATIVES:

City Council could choose to not designate the area Inclusion Circle in Plaza de Armas.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this action.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends approval of the Resolution.