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# Board of Library Trustees

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**TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES**

**DATE: JULY 25, 2016**

**FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY**

**SUBJECT: PROPOSAL TO RENAME CASA BLANCA LIBRARY PLAZA IN HONOR OF MEDAL OF HONOR RECIPIENT PFC SALVADOR LARA**

## **ISSUES:**

Consider the proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library Plaza in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador Lara and submit the proposal to City Council for consideration.

## **RECOMMENDATIONS:**

That the Board of Library Trustees:

1. Approve the proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library Plaza in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador Lara, and
2. Submit the proposal to City Council for consideration.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On April 13, 2016, the Riverside Public Library Department received a proposal from the Concerned Citizens of Casa Blanca Committee to rename the Casa Blanca Library and Plaza the PFC Salvador J. Lara Casa Blanca Library and Plaza in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador J. Lara. In 2014, PFC Lara was posthumously awarded the Medal of Honor for his service in the military, including World War II.

On April 25, 2016, the Board of Library Trustees considered the proposal along with the City Naming Policy, and comments from staff and the community. Following public comment and Board discussion, the Board of Library Trustees voted unanimously in support of 1) the proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador J. Lara and 2) submitting the proposal to City Council for consideration.

On June 14, 2016, the City Council voted unanimously to rename the Casa Blanca Library the "PFC Salvador J Lara Casa Blanca Library" in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Salvador J. Lara who fought during World War II and to have the City cover all costs associated with changing signage on the building façade.

Additionally, the Council directed staff to return with a report allowing Council to also consider renaming the plaza area between the Casa Blanca Library and the Riverside Public Utilities Customer Service Center in honor of Medal of Honor recipient Salvador J. Lara. Once approved, Library and General Services staff will work together to secure bids for library signage and

installation.

**DISCUSSION:**

Study of ownership of the Casa Blanca Library, Plaza, and Riverside Public Utilities Customer Resource Center parcels has concluded. The parcels (Attachment 1), originally all owned by the Redevelopment Agency, are:

1. Assessor's Parcel Number 230-333-013 (transferred to Riverside Public Utilities in 2002)
2. Assessor's Parcel Number 230-351-015 (transferred from the Redevelopment Agency to General Fund in 2010)

The Riverside Public Library department will assume oversight of the plaza area.

The staff recommendation is to approve the proposal to rename the Casa Blanca Library Plaza in honor of Medal of Honor recipient PFC Salvador Lara and submit the proposal to City Council for consideration.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

The fiscal impact associated with this report is the estimated cost of \$4,100 for signage and installation.

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Attachment:

1. Parcel Map