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CITY OF RIVERSIDE
CITY-OWNED LAND, BUILDINGS AND FACILITIES
NAMING/RENAMING APPLICATION

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City of Riverside
City Clerk's Office

Names for City-owned land, buildings and facilities located in the City may be nominated by any member of the community. Proposed names must be in accordance with established policy guidelines for naming/renaming of City-owned land, buildings and facilities.

Name being nominated:

City-owned amenity proposed to be named/renamed (check all that apply):

Land _____ Building _____ Facility ☒ _____

Address/Location of amenity:

What significance does the nominated name have in relation to amenity proposed to be named (check all that applies)?

Neighborhood ☒ Geographic ☒ Topographic _____

Historic _____ Cultural _____ Individual ☒ _____

Explain significance in detail (attach additional sheets and backup documents such as resumes of individuals, minutes of agency meetings, next of kin endorsement as appropriate and as necessary):

Councilman Andy Melendrez has served the city of Riverside since 2006. He has been a councilman, a leader and an advocate for the Eastside and Canyon Crest in the strongest sense.

He envisioned the arts coming to the Eastside School of the Arts along with Parks and Recreation Director Ralph Nunez.

He brought Opera through his arts contacts and the California Riverside Ballet and joined forces to help create

Classical Ballet opportunities to the under-resourced children of the Eastside. He was surprised when young families flocked

to participate. He has been a champion and a strong supporter of the arts and continued a leadership role and advocacy

even in 2012 when funding was in danger of being cut and the program abolished. Community leaders joined forces

Councilman Melendrez and formed a board with him and Councilman Jim Perry acting as Ex Officio's, gave guidance as

as The Riverside Arts Academy Non Profit organization formed and expanded. This organization started as a seed. The

seed in Councilman Melendrez's mind, germinated and grew into the incredible community collaboration it is today!

Over the years his dedication and inclusion of all people into this program and great insight have helped this program flourish.

His involvement in the Eastside Health Zone representing both public and private sectors, school districts, health clinics to

bring healthy behaviors to the community. He assisted in bringing the skate park to the Eastside and has always been

paramount in advocating for our community, as a whole. I have only targeted just a few of his initiatives in our community.

It is all together fitting and proper to Honor Councilman Melendrez's service to community by naming the Community room

or Auditorium in his honor for perpetuity.

The Riverside Arts Academy Board of Directors respectfully requests the City Council to consider this request.

This would be a glorious way to recognize his illustrious career in local government .

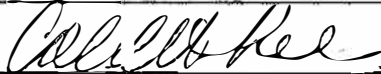
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Date: 2/16/2021

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