

Memorandum



CITY OF DALLAS

DATE May 19, 2016

TO The Honorable Members of the Transportation and Trinity River Project Committee:
Lee M. Kleinman (Chair), Deputy Mayor Pro Tem Erik Wilson (Vice-Chair), Sandy Greyson,
Mayor Pro Tem Monica R. Alonzo, Adam Medrano, and Casey Thomas II

SUBJECT Naming of West Dallas Gateway

We respectfully request that you consider naming of the West Dallas Gateway to the "Felix Lozada Gateway" in honor of lifelong community activist and local hero Mr. Felix Lozada, Sr.

Mr. Lozada, a WWII veteran, has lived in the West Dallas community since 1925 and in La Bajada since 1961. He is a long-time community advocate, petitioning the City in the early 80's to pave streets in West Dallas. He has been instrumental in improving and preserving the West Dallas community. He was part of a 6-month petition drive to secure signatures to pursue rezoning that would limit the height of structures and preserve the area for single-family homes. The goal was to create a neighborhood stabilization overlay in area bounded by Singleton Boulevard, Sylvan Avenue and the river levee.

Mr. Lozada has also served on several City of Dallas boards and commissions. He served on the Park and Recreation Board for the 1999-2001 term and on the Senior Affairs Commissions for the 2011-2013 and 2013-2015 terms and is currently serving as holdover for the 2015-2017 term.

At the age of 93, Mr. Lozada, is an accomplished golfer and Olympian who earned 2nd place in the 2015 National Senior Games Golf – Men 90-94 category.

Mr. Lozada has been recognized for his lifelong contributions to the community and military service. On November, 10, 2014, Congressman Marc Veasey (TX-33) presented Mr. Felix Lozada, Sr. with the Congressional Veteran Commendation (CVC) award. The award recognizes the wartime sacrifices and the peacetime community involvement of veterans of the 33rd Congressional District of Texas.

Mr. Lozada has been a positive role model, mentor, and community leader to many of the youth growing up in the West Dallas community. His love and commitment to the residents, and children of the West Dallas community makes Felix Lozada Sr. an ideal candidate for this honor!

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Monica R. Alonzo".

Monica R. Alonzo
Mayor Pro Tem

c: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
A.C. Gonzalez, City Manager
Christopher D. Bowers, Interim City Attorney
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