



CITY ATTORNEY'S OFFICE

## OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL

**RESOLUTION NO. \_\_\_\_\_ C.M.S.**

**INTRODUCED BY COUNCILMEMBER NOEL GALLO**

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**ADOPT A RESOLUTION TO (1) COMMEMORATIVELY RENAMING 45TH AVE BETWEEN THE INTERSECTION OF INTERNATIONAL BLVD AND E. 12TH STREET AS "RAMIRO G. HERNANDEZ WAY," (2) AUTHORIZE THE INSTALLATION OF A PLAQUE HONORING RAMIRO G. HERNANDEZ, PURSUANT TO THE POLICY AND PROCEDURES ESTABLISHED BY OAKLAND CITY COUNCIL RESOLUTION NO. 77967 C.M.S.**

**WHEREAS**, California Government Code Section 34091.1 allows a jurisdiction by resolution to name a new public street or to rename an existing public street; and

**WHEREAS**, the naming of a new public street or the renaming of an existing public street is exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act of 1970; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Oakland will occasionally honor the contributions of an outstanding individual with commemorative street names or by the renaming of a public street such as with Joe Morgan Way, Herbert Guice Way, Peter Vann Kleef Way, Dr. Huey P. Newton Way, and Deonte Bush Way; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the Oakland City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. (passed July 15, 2003), the City Council may, on its own motion, consider the renaming of a public street as a tribute to an individual, or as a result of a significant event or activity if one of the of the following criteria is met:

1. The individual has positively impacted the lives of a nation or the world; or
2. The name change is related to an economic development or redevelopment activity; or
3. The renaming commemorates a significant historical event; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council may commemorate a nominee either by: (a) retaining the existing street name and installing commemorative plaques or signs; or (b) renaming the existing street for the individual and installing new street signs; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council finds that Ramiro G. Hernandez’s contributions to the City of Oakland and greater Bay Area community eminently merit commemoration; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro G. Hernandez eldest son of Manuel and Julia Hernandez was born in Adjuntas Del Rio Refugio, Zacatecas, Mexico on January 23,1943. He is survived by his wife of 43 years, Kumiko, Daughter Lisa Sons, Nino and Angelo and two granddaughters, Mika and Yoshino, his mother, seven sisters, and two brothers; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro G. Hernandez as a generous humanitarian, entrepreneur and leader of the community, he was a tireless activist for the Mexican American people in the greater Oakland Area; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro was a committed and faithful member for the I.L.W.U. Local 10 for 39 years. He showed his commitment and devotion to the Local by participating as an executive Board member and also by being active at the international level. He was a strong advocate and friend to Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers of America; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro also showed his continuous support in other ways as President of the Mexican – American Chamber of Commerce in Oakland (assisted in the organization of the first Cinco de Mayo Festival in Oakland), Baseball Commissioner of the Liga Latina Del Este De La Bahia, and sponsor for the Oakland Police Latino Officers Association; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro is foremost notably known for paving the business sector by introducing the first Taqueria Morelia, in Oakland fondly known as the “Talk of the Town”. The Community felt deep sense of loss when the institution closed its doors in the late 1990’s; and

**WHEREAS**, Ramiro will truly be missed but, never far from our hearts. He would want all of us to not be sorrowful of his passing, but rather to celebrate his new rite of passage wherever it may lead him. And, as Ramiro had lived here in his life, he is embracing his new venture as Frank Sinatra personified in his song, “My Way”; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council intends to honor Ramiro G. Hernandez’s contribution to the Oakland community and the Bay Area by retaining the existing street name, adding an additional honorary street name, and installing commemorative street signs or plaques, and intends that the costs associated with such commemorative act will be borne by Councilmember Noel Gallo’s Office; and now, therefore, be it

**RESOLVED:** That the City Council hereby approves the commemorative renaming of 45<sup>th</sup> Ave, between International Blvd and E.12th Street as “Ramiro G. Hernandez way” while retaining the primary street name 45<sup>th</sup> Ave; and be it

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**FURTHER RESOLVED:** That the City Council directs the City Administrator to proceed with the commemorative designation of “Ramiro G. Hernandez Way” and placement of street sign(s) or plaque(s) to that effect on 45<sup>th</sup> Ave. Between International Blvd and E.12<sup>th</sup> Street, upon payment of costs.

IN COUNCIL, OAKLAND, CALIFORNIA,

PASSED BY THE FOLLOWING VOTE:

AYES - BROWN, FIFE, GALLO, HOUSTON, RAMACHANDRAN, UNGER, WANG, AND  
PRESIDENT JENKINS

NOES –

ABSENT –

ABSTENTION –

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_  
ASHA REED  
City Clerk and Clerk of the Council of the  
City of Oakland, California

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