



CITY OF OAKLAND

AGENDA REPORT

TO: Oakland City Councilmembers and
Members of the Public

FROM: Councilmember, Noel Gallo,
District 5

SUBJECT: Ramiro G. Hernandez
Commemorative Street Renaming

DATE: April 23, 2026

RECCOMENDATION:

Councilmember Noel Gallo Recommends that the City Council:

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.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

This report submits for City Council consideration a resolution to commemoratively rename 45th Avenue, between International Boulevard and East 12th Street, as “**Ramiro G. Hernandez Way.**” This action recognizes the extraordinary civic, cultural, and economic contributions of **Ramiro G. Hernandez**, a distinguished community leader, humanitarian, and entrepreneur whose decades of service significantly shaped the social and cultural landscape of Oakland.

BACKGROUND / LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

Oakland City Council Resolution No. 77967 C.M.S. establishes the policy and procedures for commemorative street renaming to honor individuals who have made substantial, positive, and lasting contributions to the City of Oakland.

Ramiro G. Hernandez dedicated his life to advancing the well-being of Oakland’s Mexican American community. A member of the I.L.W.U. Local 10 for 39 years, he served on the Executive Board and participated actively at the international level. Beyond his union leadership, Mr.

Hernandez served as President of the Mexican American Chamber of Commerce in Oakland, where he played a central role in organizing the first Cinco de Mayo Festival in the City. His community involvement extended to his service as Baseball Commissioner of the *Liga Latina del Este de la Bahia* and as a sponsor of the Oakland Police Latino Officers Association. Mr. Hernandez is also widely remembered for establishing **Taqueria Morelia**, affectionately known as the “Talk of the Town,” which became an iconic institution that enriched Oakland’s culinary and cultural identity until its closing in the late 1990s.

ANALYSIS

Mr. Hernandez’s contributions span economic development, labor leadership, cultural preservation, and community empowerment. His work fostered cross-cultural understanding, strengthened Latino representation in civic spaces, and supported local businesses and families across Oakland.

The commemorative renaming of this segment of 45th Avenue honors his legacy and ensures that his impact on the Fruitvale and broader Oakland community is formally recognized. The proposed location bears strong relevance to Mr. Hernandez’s life, work, and community presence.

FISCAL IMPACT

This commemorative renaming is not anticipated to generate significant fiscal impact. Costs are limited to standard commemorative signage and installation, which can be supported through Council office allocations.

PUBLIC OUTREACH / COMMUNITY PROCESS

Community members, local leaders, and organizations familiar with Mr. Hernandez’s decades of service have expressed strong support for this commemorative renaming. The proposal aligns with community values and celebrates a leader who helped shape Oakland’s cultural and economic identity.

ACTION REQUESTED OF THE CITY COUNCIL

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For questions regarding this report, please contact Rosa M Velazquez, Chief of Staff, at
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Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Noel Gallo", written over a horizontal line.

Councilmember Noel Gallo
District 5

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