



## Legislation Text

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**STRATEGIC PRIORITY:** Economic Development

**AGENDA DATE:** October 26, 2022

**COUNCIL DISTRICT(S):** 6

**DEPARTMENT:** Development Services

**EXECUTIVE:** Majed Al-Ghafry

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### SUBJECT

A public hearing to receive comments and to approve **an ordinance** **a resolution** granting a request to consider the Ceremonial Street Name request for “Rosa Lopez” as a street topper on Winnetka Avenue between Canada Drive and Shaw Street, Shaw Street between Winnetka Avenue and Obenchain Street, Vecinos Boulevard between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street, and El Triumfo Street between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street - NC212-006(CM) - Financing: [This action has no cost consideration to the City](#) (see Fiscal Information for potential future costs)

### BACKGROUND

On August 3, 2022, the City of Dallas accepted an application for a Ceremonial Street Name request “Topper” on Winnetka Avenue between Canada Drive and Shaw Street, Shaw Street between Winnetka Avenue and Obenchain Street, Vecinos Boulevard between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street, and El Triumfo Street between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street.

On October 7, 2022, notification signs were put up on Winnetka Avenue between Canada Drive and Shaw Street, Shaw Street between Winnetka Avenue and Obenchain Street, Vecinos Boulevard between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street, and El Triumfo Street between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street, notifying the community of the proposed Ceremonial Street Name in accordance with Section 51A-9.503(b) of the Dallas Development Code.

On October 7, 2022, notices were sent to 81 property owners which abut the streets notifying of the proposed hearing of the Ceremonial Street Name request before the City Council on October 26, 2022 in accordance with Section 51A-9.503(b) of the Dallas Development Code. The newspaper notice for October 26, 2022 City Council hearing was published on October 7, 2022.

Rosa Lopez had a long history of community service for more than 10 years. Co-Founder of Dallas’ first lesbian alliance Lesbiana Latinas de Dallas in 1995, she gave voice to women who culturally and historically had been oppressed and very minimally represented. Her most notable work was in West Dallas, in 1993 she founded Vecinos Unidos Inc., United Neighbors Inc., a community housing

development corporation. Ms. Lopez served on several local boards most notably Texas Community Development Association, North Texas Housing Coalition, and the West Dallas Chamber of Commerce. Ms. Lopez passed at the age of 63 on February 21, 2017.

Additional information on Ms. Lopez legacy is on attached Exhibit A.

Section 51A-9.504(a)(1)(C) is complied with as there has been no other city street renamed “Rosa Lopez”; Section 51A-9.504(b)(3) requires that the street topper must have “In Honor of” as the top line of the topper. The request complies with all other sections of Section 51A-9.504 of the Dallas Development Code except waiver is needed for Section 51A-9.504(a)(1)(C).

**WAIVER IS NEEDED FOR:** The following provision requires three quarters vote of the City Council to waive the requirement.

Section 51A-9.504(a)(1)(C) of the Dallas Development Code “Individuals who have already been honored on one street, whether ceremonial or official, may not be honored on another street.”

The proposed Ceremonial Street Topper for “Rosa Lopez” on Winnetka Avenue between Canada Drive and Shaw Street, Shaw Street between Winnetka Avenue and Obenchain Street, Vecinos Boulevard between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street, and El Triunfo Street between Winnetka Avenue and Shaw Street does not comply with this provision as the topper is requested for more than one street. The approval of this request will require a waiver for Section 51A-9.504(a)(1)(c).

**Section 51A-9.504(a)(2)** The standards in Section 51A-9.504 may be waived by three quarters vote of the City Council.

**STAFF RECOMMENDATION:** This request requires a waiver of Section 51A-9.504(a)(1)(c). Staff has no objection provided that the required waiver is granted.

**PRIOR ACTION/REVIEW (COUNCIL, BOARDS, COMMISSIONS)**

This item has no prior action.

**FISCAL INFORMATION**

**No cost consideration to the City. Potential future costs to the City is estimated at \$1,812.00; n**New street blades to be prepared and paid for by the City of Dallas; potential future costs to the City are estimated at \$1,812.00.

**MAP**

Attached