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Date: November 14, 2017
TO: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
FR: Councilwoman Lena Gonzalez, District 1 *JA*
Subject: Shaun Lumachi Innovation Center

Recommendation:

Recommendation to request that the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee consider at the earliest opportunity renaming the Small Business Development Center located at 309 Pine Ave., the Shaun Lumachi Innovation Center, and report back to City Council with its recommendation.

Background:

The Small Business Development Center located at 309 Pine Avenue is currently in the process of bringing a new operator to the facility to assist with activation, innovation and programming. With this pending change in operation, we believe now is the time to rename the building after someone who spent his life innovating and creating in Long Beach, Shaun Lumachi.

Shaun was born on September 10, 1978, and raised in the Bay Area. While attending Pinole Valley High School, Shaun served on the PVHS Youth Commission, was involved in conflict management, and designed the PVHS Senior Times Newsletter. Shaun was also a member of the golf team, played baseball for Pinole Hercules Little League and was Senior Class President. He graduated with honors from Pinole Valley High School in 1996. Shaun continued his education at California State University, Sacramento where he earned a Bachelor of Arts degree in Government. While at California State University, Sacramento, he was elected Chair of the California State Student Association (CSSA) which serves as the statewide student body government for all the 23 campuses of the California State University system. In 1999, Shaun received the CSSA Chair's Award for Excellence in Student Advocacy. Nearly ten years later, CSSA honored him as CSSA's 2008 Alumnus of the Year. Shaun was also a proud alumnus of the Theta Xi Chapter of Sigma Chi International Fraternity.

Shaun utilized his education as he began his career in 2002 as the Vice President of Government Affairs for the Long Beach Area Chamber of Commerce. Shaun then started his Chamber Advocacy consulting business in 2003 as a public policy consultant. In 2007, he co-founded the online publication, Long Beach Post, which covers city news, government and sports. Shaun was an active member of the Long Beach community serving as a member of nearly a dozen nonprofit boards of directors. In 2007, Shaun was honored by Long Beach Magazine as one of the "Most Innovative Minds in Long Beach." Shaun loved the game of baseball and was a baseball umpire for many years. He had

worked at all levels of baseball up to the NCAA PAC-10 and all levels of softball up to the Western Regional Little League World Series. In 2009, Shaun married his longtime girlfriend Deziré and lived in the Belmont Shore community of Long Beach. Shaun died on December 3, 2011, while he was on a business trip in Florida representing Long Beach for the city's Workforce Investment Board.

Shaun's life was revolved around one quote, "What's Next?" and we believe that renaming the current Small Business Development Center after Shaun embodies that phrase and will help others achieve their innovative goals to make their businesses and the City of Long Beach a better place to live work and play.

Fiscal Impact:

There is no fiscal impact for this item.