



Legislation Text

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Recommendation to approve naming the Social Hall or Kitchen at the Cesar Chavez Community Center in Honor of Mrs. Ruth Ricker.

The City of Long Beach lost a true advocate in 2015 when resident and older adult advocate Ruth Ricker passed away. Ruth was an active resident of the pt District, whose passion in life was to see a permeant Senior Meal Program in our parks. She knew and advocated strongly that for a vast majority of our older adults in Long Beach the Senior Meal Program was their only time to socialize with other older adults and in some cases their only warm meal of the day.

Prior to her passing in 2015, Ms. Ricker was appointed by Mayor Robert Garcia to serve as a member of the Senior Citizens Advisory Committee appointed by Mayor Robert Garcia. She was also appointed by Mayor Beverly O'Neil to serve on the General Plan Commission and was a member of Congresswoman Juanita Millender-Macdonald's Senior Congressional Council.

The contributions of Ms. Ricker on behalf of older adults across the City of Long Beach and the region are undeniable and merits the recognition requested with this name change. She was a true community leader who fought for the reinstatement of this program until her very last days.

There is no fiscal impact.

Approve recommendation.

DEE ANDREWS, CHAIR
HOUSING AND NEIGHBORHOODS COMMITTEE