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Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDINANCE

FIESTA DEL SOL 50TH ANNIVERSARY HONORARY STREET SIGN

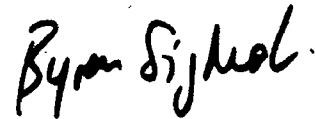
BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago,

Which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for the standardization of **S. Blue Island Ave between W. Cullerton St and W. 21st St** as

“AVENIDA FIESTA DEL SOL”

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.



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March 14th, 2022

Office of Budget and Management
121 N. LaSalle St, Room 604
Chicago, IL 60602

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Byron Sigcho-Lopez, Alderman of the 25th Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget and Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation of "Avenida Fiesta Del Sol" from my:

Ward's annual menu program budget

Ward's aldermanic expense allowance

Upon passage of this honorary street designation ordinance, pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago.

Sincerely,

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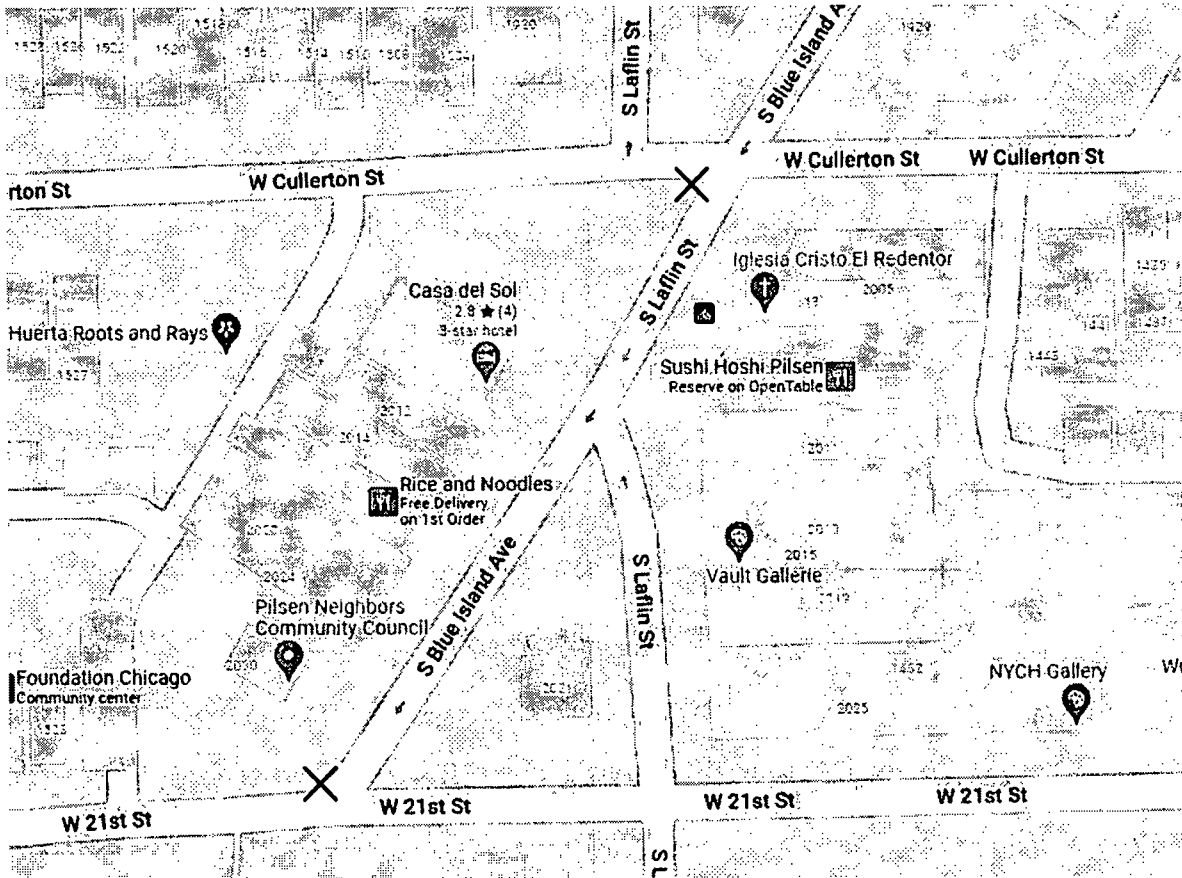
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Fiesta Del Sol Honorary Street Sign

S Blue Island from W. Cullerton St to W. 21st St is as follows:





PILSEN NEIGHBORS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

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January, 2022

“Celebrating 68 years of community organizing”

Background History

Turning 68 years old in 2022, PNCC has been a community-based transformational organization. Pilsen Neighbors Community Council has been key in the transformation of the Pilsen community. PNCC's mission is to work to establish policies and practices around the needs of the community by working with community leaders on local, state and federal issues. PNCC invests in the development of new community leaders through leadership training to bring awareness about civic engagement and actions that lead to the transformations of our communities.

PNCC has worked tirelessly on the issues of economic development, education reform, immigration reform, restorative justice, violence prevention, affordable housing reform and workforce development. The organization has been historically instrumental in organizing through a variety of grassroots movements.

For many years, the Pilsen neighborhood was known as a place where displaced families were relocated, with an evident lack of investment and resources available to its population. Due to the need for investment, PNCC came up as the catalyst and organizer of various campaigns to fight for a solution to these issues.

In 1972, organizing for a new high school began. After a year of hard work, leaders organized a block party because they got approval from the city for the new high school. That block party was called **Fiesta del Sol**. Finally, on September 16th, 1977 Benito Juarez Community Academy was officially inaugurated. PNCC leaders began to put organizing philosophy into practice with a community vision to build a much-needed high school in Pilsen.

We take pride that throughout almost 7 decades, PNCC's efforts in leading and organizing around issues in different areas, such as social and restorative justice, immigration, education, and housing have been successful.

Now in 2022, we have an invaluable opportunity to continue to invest in the development of the community, not only in Pilsen, but citywide with the building of the new **Leadership Development Institute (LDI)**.

The **LDI** building will function not only as a building for our community leaders, but as a transformational institute, that will provide a more impactful meaning to the people working in it and to the community.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT INSTITUTE

The Leadership Development Institute (LDI) will be the foundation building to continue the Pilsen Neighbors Community Council legacy, whose mission is to work to establish policies and practices in the Pilsen and Southwest areas of Chicago to bring justice and equality by investing in the development of community leaders and pastors through leadership training and action.

This brand new transformational building will be formed by 4 vital foundational pillars.

Community Education Center (CEC) - The Community Education Center is working alongside higher ed institutions to create educational pathways for traditional, non-traditional, underrepresented students and educators in our community. We are securing resources and training that would empower them in their career and creating that pipeline to secure a job opportunity for a better quality of life.

The CEC will be a Job Market Connector as more and more individuals with skills become job-ready in the education, health, and tech fields. We will create a pathway through education initiatives.

By creating a cohort of students and regrouping all potential worksite partners of one to three sectors, we can facilitate their exposure to the public and make it easy for students to find what they need.

The CEC will be a hub for online courses in collaboration with City-Colleges of Chicago: Malcolm X College (lead college) (Health Care Courses, Adult learning courses, ACT/SAT Prep), Harold Washington College (Business Courses), Richard Daley College (Technology Courses), and Truman College (Teaching Courses). Given the COVID pandemic, online learning is essential. The CEC will provide these courses to non-traditional students in an effort to ensure a better quality of life for these individuals.

The CEC will strive to become a business incubator model for communities like Pilsen, Chinatown, Back of the Yards, which will be developed in collaboration with the City of Chicago Colleges.

Latino Legal Institute (LLI) - The work of the LLI involves restorative justice, to advocate for fairness, humanity, and equity throughout the transformational justice system with a primary focus on those affected by the system. LLI focus to legal literacy is simply defined as knowing the most basic principles of law. The legal literacy programs aim to empower communities with an increased knowledge of national and local laws, as well as basic human and civil rights.

The legal system can be extremely complex to navigate for those unfamiliar with it. And even for those of us who are. Community members with increased legal literacy are able to provide and access services related to outreach, legal education, document preparation, organizing, and legal and/or administrative system navigation.

A space that offers Pro-Bono legal services on different issues that our community may face (immigration, driver's license reinstatement, cannabis expungement, and environmental justice, etc.).

Academy of Parents in Leadership (APL) - APL train parents leaders from our community in the socio-emotional and economic factors that impact the success of their children within the schools, as well as the parents' own success. It's an opportunity to be able to coexist with other parents and community members to participate and lead training sessions that instill leadership growth inside and outside of our schools. APL seeks to help parents become strong school leaders and advocates in the educational issues affecting them, their children and the community; such as early childhood education, and dual language programs.

Fiesta del Sol (FDS) -The largest Latino festival in the country, organized by the community for the community. FDS is the largest outdoor free-admission festival of its kind that has not had alcohol or tobacco sponsorship. It has been for many years one of the main economic engines of the Pilsen neighborhood, and at the same time has become a business incubator where local vendors and small businesses have the opportunity to showcase their products to more than 1.3 million visitors during the four days of the festival. In addition, Fiesta del Sol attendees can obtain valuable information on the different expositions (immigration, housing, employment, health, etc.) that the festival offers. Fiesta del Sol has been the iconic Pilsen Festival for 49 years, and next year will be celebrating its 50th anniversary.

COMMUNITY ASSETS

Bicultural/bilingual young adult leaders:

US Hispanic/Latino Demographics-The U.S. Hispanic population reached 62.1 million in 2020, up from 50.5 million in 2010*. Hispanic population increased by 23 % compared to the nation's growth rate (+7%). In 2020, Hispanics made up nearly one-in-five people in the U.S. (19%), up from 16% in 2010 and just 5% in 1970. Hispanics played a major role in U.S. population growth; the U.S. experienced a population growth by 22.7 million from 2010 to 2020; Hispanics accounted for 51% of this growth; a greater share than any other racial or ethnic group.

Majority of Hispanics/Latinos are US Citizens: As of 2019, 80% of Latinos living in the country are U.S. citizens, up from 74% in 2010. Newborns have driven growth of the U.S. Hispanic population. From 2010 to 2019, 9.3 million Hispanic babies were born in the U.S., similar to the total from the 2000s. In comparison, 3.5 million Hispanic immigrants came to the U.S. from 2010 to 2019, down substantially from the 6.5 million who arrived during the 2000s.

Four-in-Five Latinos are U.S. Citizens: As of 2019, 80% of Latinos living in the U.S. are citizens, up from 74% in 2010. This includes people born in the U.S. and its territories (including Puerto Rico), people born abroad to American parents and immigrants who have become naturalized citizens.

Every 30 seconds a young Hispanic/Latino turns 18 years old in the U.S. More than 85 percent of them are US citizens, according to Pew Research (2015).

Hispanic/Latino voters are in a position to impact US society by their sheer numbers alone.

Education: The share of U.S. Hispanics with college experience has increased since 2010. About 42% of U.S. Hispanic adults ages 25 and older had at least some college experience in 2019, up from 36% in 2010. More Hispanic women than Hispanic men have attended college, though the share with some college experience or more increased among both Hispanic women (38% to 45%) and Hispanic men (33% to 39%). Overall, the share of Hispanics with a bachelor's degree or more education increased during this period, from 13% to 18%.

Although Latinos are great in number in the United States, they are not visible and not predominant in the make-up of the United States. As the make-up of the United States is changing due to immigration, it is expected that by 2050 Latinos will be about 29% of all US population, up from 16.4% in 2012. There are many discussions being had amongst scholars, academia, politics, and even amongst dining room tables as to how to better prepare the Latino population to be in positions of power to be able to make decisions for their growing population. *(*Pew Hispanic Research Center).*

SUSTAINABILITY

Pilsen Neighbors Community Council (PNCC) has a long history of community organizing and leadership development in Chicago's southwest side. This year, the agency will celebrate 60 years of work and struggle and PNCC is ready to move to the next level. There is so much more that as an organization we would like to do; however, we are currently limited in space and resources. Yet, we are not allowing our limitations to slow us down and we are taking proactive steps to evolve with the times. Recently we have acquired the land next to our current home and there are plans to build upon this newly acquired land a leadership institute that will better prepare the new wave of organizers and community leaders. The vision is to create a state of the arts leadership development institute that will help develop a holistic leader of bilingual / bicultural young adults, who will be better prepared, at different levels, in pursuit of Social Justice issues.

The Institute will provide organizing training, capacity building, leadership and organizing retraining. But what is going to make this program unique from any other leadership programs is the academic opportunity that it will offer. Through building relationships and partnership with some of our local College and University, the institute will hope to create a Master's Program in Community Organizing.

PNCC is part of an international organization, the Gamaliel Network, a grassroots network of non-partisan, faith based organizations in 14 US states, South Africa and the United Kingdom that organizes to empower people to effectively participate in the political, environmental, social and economic decisions affecting their lives.