

City of Chicago



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Meeting Date: 11/16/2022

Sponsor(s): La Spata (1)

Type: Ordinance

Title: Honorary street designation as "Gaspar Gomez Way"

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

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

SECTION 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall take the necessary action for standardization of **West Division Street between North Wood Street and North Damen Avenue** (1800 W Division St to 2000 W Division St) as

GASPAR GOMEZ WAY

SECTION 2. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage and approval.

Daniel La Spata Alderman, 1st Ward

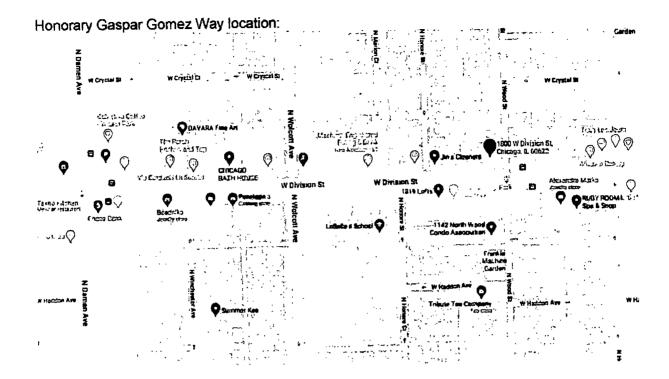
GASPAR GOMEZ

Gaspar Gomez became one of Chicago's first Latino Franchisee of a Shell Service Station when he started in 1968; then opening in 1977 he planted roots on the corner of Division & Damen he consistently raised the bar and set the standard for businesses in the Wicker Park neighborhood that has left a whole community remembering his kindness, work ethic and encouragement.

Mr. Gomez adapted and thrived over forty years; and received several honors and special recognitions from Shell for his commitment to excellence in merchandising and Customer Care; Mr. Gomez did not just profit from the neighborhood, he invested his time and energy into building our community; giving work opportunity to many over the years was important to him, he built long-standing jobs for some and instilled work values in others that have used that knowledge in their own workplace today. Gomez Shell sponsored and hosted many community events like the Wicker Park Chill Fest, Sidewalk Sales, Do Division Street Fest and Chicago Fashion Fest.

Mr. Gomez was a hard worker that prided himself in always acing mystery shopper reports, Self-Assessment and Face-to-face Inspections by always maintaining clean stocked shelves, freshly painted curbs, beautified landscaping, working pumps and making sure he could be an example for others. Customers far and near remember Mr. Gomez and to some "Mr. G" for his smile and constant presence at Gomez Shell Service Center.

Although Mr. Gomez owned several locations at one point when he decided to only continue running one station his heart was always on Division & Damen where he lived, worked and retired with his spouse Gloria Gomez.



Date: November 16, 2022

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I, DANIEZ (A SPATA Alderman of the Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for GASPAR GOMEZ from my:

☐ Ward's annual menu program budget

Ward's aldermanic expanse allowance

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

Sincerely,

Alderman, Ward _