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Sponsor(s): Sigcho-Lopez (25)

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Title: Honorary street designation as "Honorary Felipe 'Phil' Ayala

Way"

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

City Council Meeting January 18th, 2023 Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDINANCE

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 W. 17th St between S. Halsted St and S. Union Ave as

"Honorary Felipe "Phil" Ayala Way".

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

Byron Sigcho-Lopez

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Alderman, 25th Ward

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January 10th, 2023

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 for Honorary Felipe "Phil" Ayala Way from my:

X 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,

Byron Sigcho-Lopez

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Alderman, 25th Ward

Felipe (Phil) Ayala. As a teen, he enlisted in the Army, trained as a Ranger and served in Vietnam. Aiming to give back to his community, he co-founded El Centro De La Causa, a social service agency in Pilsen, where he was the director for over 30 years. He also worked as a Cook County Deputy Sheriff for several years. He worked with the late Congressman Ralph Metcalfe's commission to have the law enforcement height standard removed so more minorities and women could work in law enforcement. He served as a Member on the US Commission on Civil Rights, the Cook County Health and Hospitals Governing Commission and other boards. He presented publications to national organizations on cross-cultural mental health and community development. In 1979, he was invited to the White House by President Carter to attend a conference of Latino leaders. Phil was generous with his time, mentoring upcoming leaders and working with them to create novel programs and opportunities. Among the organizations that were founded, housed or incubated at Centro are Mujeres Latinas en Accion, Project Q Higher Education Program, the Pilsen Athletic Conference (PAC) and many others. At "Centro", Phil liked to stand at the top of the stairs to greet the many children who came in after school. He encouraged them to stay in school, get good grades and then "give back to the community". Those "Centro kids" eventually grew up to become productive citizens including first responders and teachers. Over three decades, hundreds of lives were changed by his work and encouragement. And every single one of those "kids" can quote Phil on the ultimate goal, "Give back to the community". Phil's own life is a testimony that he took his own advice.

Nominator – Alejandro Ayala (Son)
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Location for sign- 17th St. and Halsted

