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Title:	Honorary street designation as "Honorary Ivan de Jesus Reyes Way"
Committee(s) Assignment:	Committee on Transportation and Public Way

Iván de Jesús Reyes Honorary Street Sign

ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, Iván de Jesús Reyes, was born on October 3, 1983, in Chicago, Ill. Ivan was a lifelong resident of Pilsen.

WHEREAS, Iván de Jesús Reyes credits his longstanding passion for community and volunteer work from his childhood spent at Harrison Park and the local YMCA. He decided to repay the facilities for the opportunities of friendship and mentorship that they provided him, by volunteering at any opportunity that he had, in anyway he could.

WHEREAS, Iván was a graduate of Cooper Elementary, White Young High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Northeastern Illinois University. During his undergrad years, Iván conducted research at the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. His passion for science, medicine and plants led him to his career in pharmaceuticals. He received his Pharmacy Technician certification in 2008 and later became a Certified Senior Pharmacy Technician in 2012.

WHEREAS, Iván was well-known for his volunteer work before and after his diagnosis with stage 3 cancer at the age of 31. Even after his treatments prohibited Iván from working, he took his affliction in stride. As someone who had had a passion for baseball since they were young, he unwittingly embodied the quote, "Sometimes life throws us a curveball. It doesn't go the way we planned. All that matters is how we handle it and the person we become on the other side."

WHEREAS, Iván is best remembered for his work as a mentor, not only during the uphill battle against cancer, but even before that. At no point did he ever stop fighting. Serving as a mentor to many in his congregation of St. Pius V Catholic Church.

WHEREAS, in 2012, Iván received recognition for the research that he conducted with the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana in concerns to invasive species of plants harmful to soybean crops and exciting innovations in plant based renewable energy.

WHEREAS, Iván De Jesús Reyes, left this world at the age of 32 yrs old, on July 12th 2016 surrounded by his family and closest friends, serving as a reminder as to what an ideal community member should look like.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY 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 standardization of West 21st Place, between South Wood St and West 21st Street as "Honorary Iván de Jesús Reyes Way."

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

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Alderman, Ward 25

Ivan De Jesus Reyes

Streets to Receive Designation: 1657 West 21st Place, to Ashland

Iván de Jesús Reyes, was born on October 3, 1983, in Chicago, Ill. A lifelong resident of the Pilsen and an exemplary neighbor, Iván was a kind hearted individual who always made time to give back to his community. He was committed to his family, his school, and his home: Pilsen. Through baseball, a passion that he took on at the age of two, Iván found a second home at Harrison Park and the local YMCA. Through the programming offered there, he developed long lasting friendships. Seeking to repay the facilities for the opportunities of friendship and mentorship that they provided him, he volunteered there whenever he could, in anyway he could. At the Y and in Harrison Park Iván honed his skill for mentoring youth. Iván was a graduate of Cooper Elementary, Whitney Young High School, and earned a Bachelor of Science degree in Biology with a minor in Chemistry from Northeastern Illinois University: a Chicagoan to the core. During his undergrad years, Iván conducted research with the University of Illinois at Champaign-Urbana. Collaborating with the Crop Sciences Department, he worked on projects concerned with invasive plants harmful to soybean crops and exciting innovations in plant based renewable energy.

He won recognition for his efforts and received an award for outstanding research, which he later went on to present at the Science Engagement Third Annual Research Symposium as well as the Science Technology National Conference at the University of California in Riverside, in 2012. Iván had a passion for science, medicine, and plants. Evidenced by his volunteer work at the Garfield Park Conservatory. Iván's passion for science, medicine, and plants was evident through not only his research participation, but also through his volunteer work at the Garfield Park Conservatory, and other organizations. His passion for these fields led him to a career in pharmaceuticals. In 2008 he received his Pharmacy Technician certification. He went on to Certified Senior Pharmacy Technician in 2012. Unfortunately, at the age of 31 years old, Iván was diagnosed with stage 3 cancer. His tumor was removed and he began Chemotherapy at St. Mary of Narareth and St. Elizabeth Hospital in 2014 (2015???). His treatment plan prohibited Iván from working. He took it all in stride, "Sometimes life throws us a curveball. It doesn't go the way we planned. All that matters is how we handle it and the person we become on the other side."

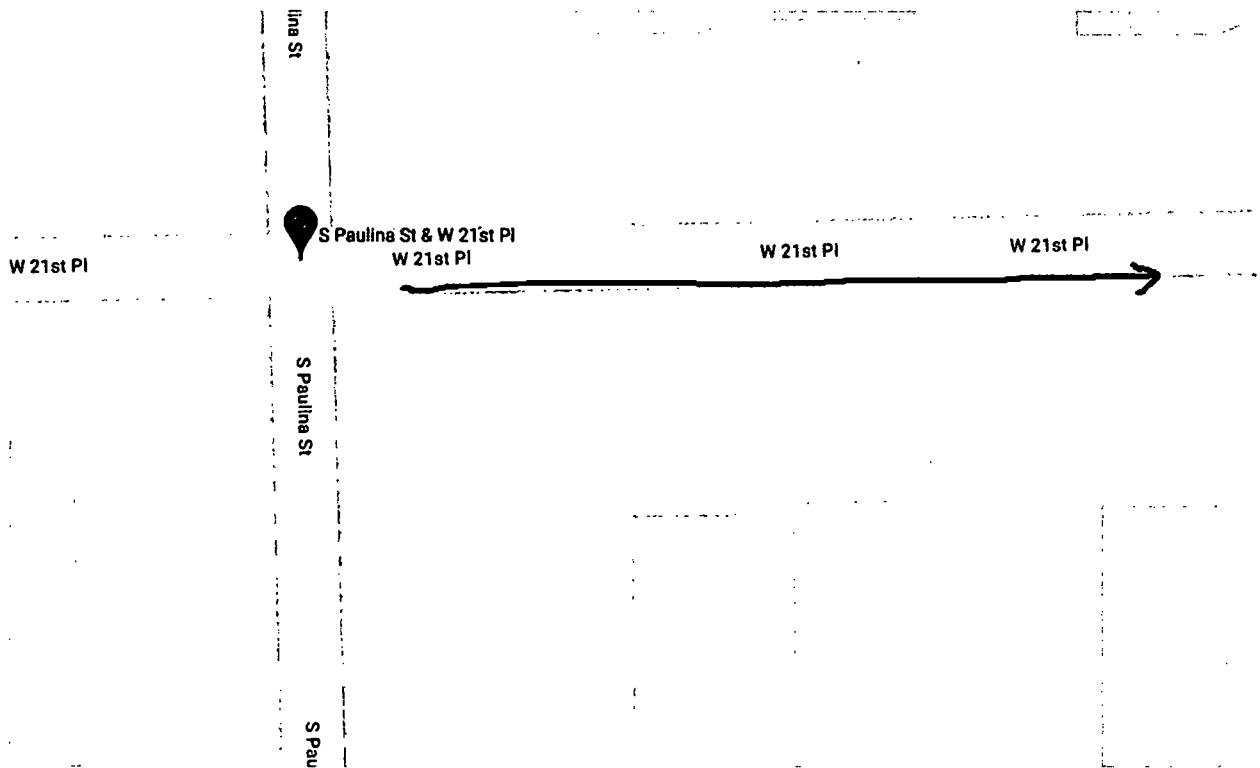
Iván's battle with cancer was an uphill one. He never stopped fighting: he continued his volunteer work in the community, serving as a mentor to many in his congregation of St. Pius V Catholic Church. He took solace in prayer and explored his faith with the guidance of elder churchgoers.

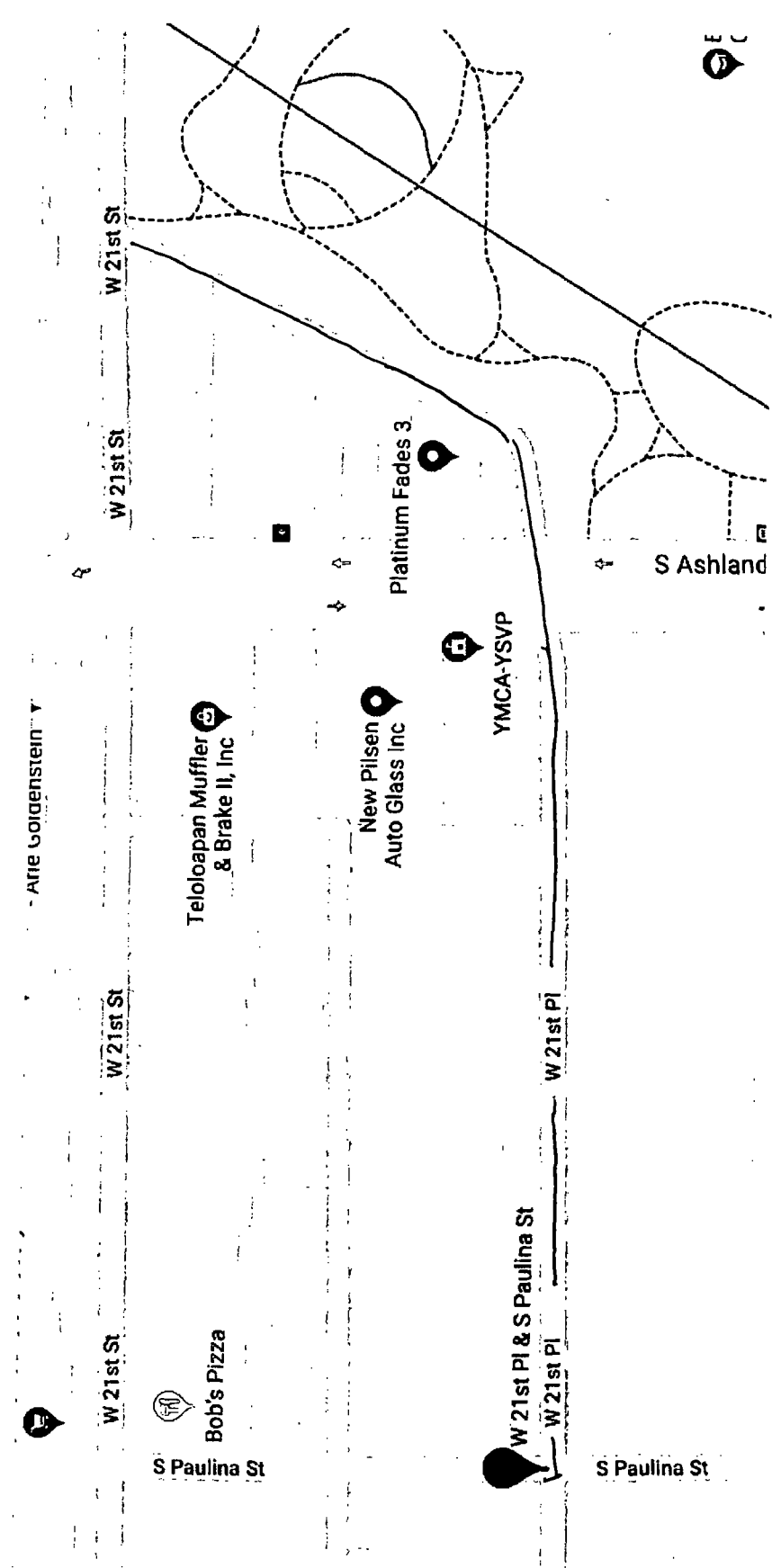
Friends would describe Iván as humorous, caring and thoughtful. He was a consummate traditionalist and carried himself with great respect. He was giving man, family oriented, an extraordinary friend, and most of all , a loving person. Iván was an example of what an ideal community member should look like. Towards the end, surrounded by his family and closest friends, Iván expressed gratitude for having shared a wonderful (if brief) life with them. Iván De Jesús Reyes, left this world at the age of 32 yrs old, on July 12th 2016.

Please consider honoring Iván's life, with a Chicago Honorary Street sign at 1657 West 21st Place, corner of Paulina and 21st place. This will be a reminder that everyone can make an impact on the lives of many through small everyday acts of goodwill.

Reason For Honoring Individual:

Even when afflicted with something as devastating as cancer, rather than giving, Ivan instead chose to use his time to make a positive difference in the lives of others, effectively serving as a reminder to what people can do with the negatives that they receive in life by making a positive difference in the lives of many.





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& Brake II, Inc

Bob's Pizza

New Pilsen
Auto Glass Inc

Platinum Fades 3

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Date:

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

To Whom It May Concern:

I, Byron Sigcho-Lopez, Alderman of the 25 Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for Ivan de Jesus Reyes 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 Chicago Municipal Code.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'B. Sigcho-Lopez', written over a horizontal line.

Alderman, Ward 25