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Sponsor(s): Sposato (38)

Type: Ordinance

Title: Honorary street designation as "Honorary Via Santa Fara di

Cinisi"

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

CITY COUNCIL: September 9, 2020

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 N. Oleander Steet, between W. Addison and W. Waveland as "Honorary Via Santa Fara di Cinisi".

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

NICHOLAS SPOSATO ALDERMAN, 38TH WARD

Societa Santa Fara di Cinisi (Chicago chapter)

Our society goes back to 1934 when a few italian immigrants living on the near west side desided to start a religious and mutual Ald society named ofter the patron saint of our home town of Cinisi, Sicily, (there are also chapters in Detroit and New York city) The purpous was to help out our fellow immigrants in need and a place to socialize with fellow immigrants, the first clubhouse was at the corner of Halstead and Taylor street, a mass was held every year at Our Lady of Pompeii Parish, like other organizations by the 1960's most members were elderly and the society disbanded in the late 1960's. With the arrival of new post war immigrants from Cinisi the society was resurected in the 1980's by Paul Butera, Joesph Salamone, Pietro Amato, Steve Butera and Salvatore Galati and others for the purpous of having an organization for the new arrivals and also a place for our elderly towns folks to congragate. In 1990 with the help of Paul and Joe Butera our organization was able to purchass a store front on Addison and Oleander where most of our towns folk lived , we commissioned a statue of our patron saint to be made and with the help of our members we built a chapel in our building dedicated to Santa Fara where we hold masses throughout the year and also fund raisers . Over the years we have organized many events, many fund raisers for worthy causes, we had a television station come from Italy to do a 6 part documentry on our organization in Chicago and the local Italian Buisinesses and organizations on Harlem ave. little Italy area, we also dedicated a bronze plaque to Saint Fransis Cabrini at the old Cabrini hospital on the near west side on the 100 th anniversary. Also over the years we have hosted the different mayors of Cinisi on their visits to the U.S. Our last fund raiser was to purchase a defibrillator for a adult handicap organization in our hometown of Cinisi. At the present time we are working to collect artifacts and photos to create a cultural center at our headquarters. To have an honorary street named to our society In the city of Chicago would truly be an honor since we have chapters in other U.S. cities and we are proud to be Chicagoans. We hope that our organization will continue for many years to come and be part of the community in helping others while promoting our culture and to keep the Cinisi-Chicago bridge open.

thank you, Carlo Vaniglia, president

Date:
Office of Budget and Management 121 N. LaSalle, Room 604 Chicago, IL 60602
To Whom It May Concern:
I, Nicholas Sposotto Alderman of the 88 Ward, hereby authorize the Office of Budget Management to withdraw the funds associated with the cost of installation for this honorary street designation for from my:
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,
Wilidon Sposato
Alderman, Ward <u>38</u>

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