

## *Memorandum*

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**TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR &  
CITY COUNCIL

**FROM:** Dennis Hawkins, CMC

**SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO  
NAME A CITY FACILITY**

**DATE:** February 10, 2012

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### **RECOMMENDATION**

Refer the Nomination of the Naming of City Owned Facilities (the Monterey Highway Pedestrian overcrossing at Endicott Boulevard to Blossom Hill Road) to the Department of Transportation and the Transportation and Environment Committee.

### **BACKGROUND**

Council Policy 7-5, "Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities" calls for a Nomination form to be submitted to the City Clerk, who will then refer the nomination to the appropriate commission, Council Committee, and/or Department. If it is unclear which Commission or Council Committee would be appropriate for review, the naming request shall be made by the Rules and Open Government Committee. If the naming is deemed appropriate and consistent with City policy, a public hearing is scheduled prior to a recommendation being made to the City Council.

### **ANALYSIS**

Councilmember Kalra has nominated, "Xander's Crossing" as the name of the pedestrian overcrossing currently under construction at Monterey Highway between Endicott Boulevard and Blossom Hill Road. The overcrossing is being built where two-year old Alexander Arriaga was struck and killed by an Amtrak train in 2005. Xander's death was the catalyst for the community and various governmental agencies to come together to fund construction of the bicycle and pedestrian bridge over the railroad tracks. There is no City Commission which has jurisdiction in the naming of this facility. Therefore, it is recommended that this be referred to the Department of Transportation and the Transportation and Environment Committee to review and analyze the nomination, conduct a public hearing, and make a recommendation for Council consideration.

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### **PUBLIC OUTREACH/INTEREST**

This action does not meet the criteria set below; however the Office of the City Clerk will post the item on the City's Website for the February 15, 2012 Rules and Open Government Committee and the February 28, 2012 Council Agenda.

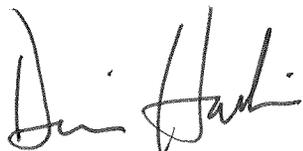
- Criterion 1:** Requires Council action on the use of public funds equal to \$1 million or greater. **(Required: Website Posting)**
- Criterion 2:** Adoption of a new or revised policy that may have implications for public health, safety, quality of life, or financial/economic vitality of the City. **(Required: E-mail and Website Posting)**
- Criterion 3:** Consideration of proposed changes to service delivery, programs, staffing that may have impacts to community services and have been identified by staff, Council, or a Community group that requires special outreach. **(Required: E-mail, Website Posting, Community Meetings, Notice in appropriate newspapers)**

### **COORDINATION**

This memorandum has been coordinated with the City Attorney's Office.

### **CEQA**

Not a project.



Dennis Hawkins, CMC  
City Clerk

For questions, please contact Dennis Hawkins, City Clerk at (408) 535-1275.



## CITY OF SAN JOSÉ Naming of City-Owned Facilities NOMINATION FORM

Person Submitting Nomination: Councilmember Ash Kalra

Address: 200 East Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113 Daytime Phone: (408) 535-4902

Name Proposed for Facility: Xander's Crossing

Location of Facility: Pedestrian overcrossing on Monterey Hwy. from Endicott Blvd. to Blossom Hill Rd.  
(Include street address, cross street)

Nature of Facility to be Named: (Describe use, clientele and any special geographic or historic characteristics)  
Bridge for pedestrians and bicyclists to cross over Monterey Hwy. and the Union Pacific Railroad Tracks.

Is this site/structure of potential historic significance? Yes  No

If yes, please submit parcel number and a summary of bibliographical resources.

Appropriateness of Name to Facility: (Briefly characterize the nominated individual, group, event or feature. Describe why naming would be appropriate. If the facility is proposed to be named after an individual, attach no more than one page outlining a brief biography and significant contributions to the community.)

Two-year old Alexander Arriaga was killed by an Amtrak train on the UPRR tracks along Monterey Hwy. in 2005, the same location where the Blossom Hill Pedestrian Overcrossing is being built. Alexander's death motivated action to find funding to make the construction of the overcrossing possible.

Submit Nomination to: City Clerk, San José City Hall, 200 E. Santa Clara Street, San José, CA 95113

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Referred to the following Commission or Committee:

Airport  Arts  Child Care  Disability Advisory  Historic Landmarks

Library  Parking Advisory  Parks & Recreation  Senior Citizens  Youth

Other \_\_\_\_\_