



CITY COUNCIL STAFF REPORT

DATE: May 16, 2012 Consent Calendar

SUBJECT: Proposed Resolution Naming the Belardo Bridge "The Chairman Richard M. Milanovich Memorial Bridge."

FROM: David H. Ready, City Manager

BY: Amy Blaisdell, Director of Communications, David Barakian, Director of Public Works & Engineering

SUMMARY

The City Council to consider adopting a resolution naming the Belardo Bridge, "The Chairman Richard M. Milanovich Memorial Bridge."

RECOMMENDATION:

Adopt Resolution No. _____, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE BELARDO BRIDGE, "THE CHAIRMAN RICHARD M. MILANOVICH MEMORIAL BRIDGE."

BACKGROUND & ANALYSIS:

On March 11, 2012, one of our City's most respected and beloved community leaders, Agua Caliente Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich passed away.

Milanovich, who was 69, hailed from a notable Agua Caliente family. During the 1950's, his mother LaVerne Saubel, was elected Vice Chairwoman of the first all woman Tribal Council in America. For nearly 30 years, Chairman Milanovich led the Tribe as it grew to become an important business and cultural leader in Palm Springs, the Coachella Valley, and the nation. He was known as much for his visionary leadership and keen business sense as he was for his big heart, love for the Agua Caliente culture, and the citizens of Palm Springs.

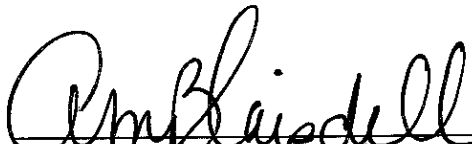
Under Milanovich's tenure, the Tribe developed the successful Spa Resort Casino in downtown Palm Springs along with the Agua Caliente Resort and Spa in Rancho Mirage. Chairman Milanovich and the Tribal Council were

strong supporters of the Palm Springs police and fire departments and generously donated to a host of other charitable organizations.

Recently, the Tribe, in partnership with the City of Palm Springs, broke ground on the much anticipated Belardo Bridge project in South Palm Springs. This important project connects the heart of downtown to the Tribe's Tahquitz Canyon Trails. Yet it also represents a deeper link, it highlights the successful partnership between the Agua Caliente and the City of Palm Springs, who over the years have worked hand in hand to secure more than \$3 million in Public Lands Highway funding ensuring that the Belardo Bridge becomes reality.

This project, in the works for 20 years, was close to Chairman Milanovich's heart – and in fact, the October 2011 groundbreaking was one of the last events at which he appeared publically. The Chairman was excited to see the hard work conducted by Tribal and City staff finally come to fruition; therefore, the City would be honored for the Belardo Road Bridge to be named after this much loved community leader who played such a tremendous role in making it happen.

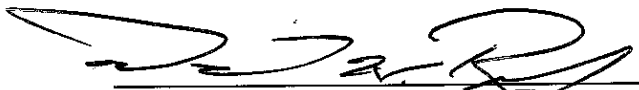
FISCAL IMPACT: None



Amy Blaisdell, Director of Communications



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Attachments:
Proposed Resolution

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS, CALIFORNIA, DESIGNATING THE NAME OF THE BELARDO BRIDGE TO BE "THE CHAIRMAN RICHARD M. MILANOVICH MEMORIAL BRIDGE"

WHEREAS, the late Chairman of the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians, Richard M. Milanovich, was one of the City's most respected community leaders, beloved by the citizens of Palm Springs for his big heart and generosity; and

WHEREAS, for nearly 30 years, Chairman Milanovich led the Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians as they grew to become an important business and cultural leader in Palm Springs, the Coachella Valley, the State of California, and the nation; and

WHEREAS, the much anticipated Belardo Road Bridge, in the planning, design, and development stages for over 20 years, will connect the heart of downtown to the Tribe's Tahquitz Canyon Trails and Visitor Center, and was one of the projects closest to Chairman Milanovich's heart.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PALM SPRINGS DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. In honor of the late Agua Caliente Band of Cahuilla Indians Tribal Chairman Richard M. Milanovich, the City Council of the City of Palm Springs hereby designates the name of the Belardo Bridge to be "The Chairman Richard M. Milanovich Memorial Bridge."

ADOPTED THIS 16TH DAY OF MAY, 2012.

David H. Ready, City Manager

ATTEST:

James Thompson, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE) ss.
CITY OF PALM SPRINGS)

I, JAMES THOMPSON, City Clerk of the City of Palm Springs, hereby certify that Resolution No. _____ is a full, true and correct copy, and was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Palm Springs on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

James Thompson, City Clerk
City of Palm Springs, California