

ORDINANCE NO. _____

**AN ORDINANCE RENAMING THE MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL
CENTER THE EMMA S. BARRIENTOS MEXICAN AMERICAN CULTURAL
CENTER AND WAIVING THE REQUIREMENTS OF CHAPTER 14 OF THE
CITY CODE FOR THE RENAMING OF A CITY FACILITY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUSTIN:

PART 1. The City Council finds that:

- (A) Emma S. Barrientos devoted her life to public service and was a mainstay in Austin for more than 50 years;
- (B) From involvement with San Jose Church to advocacy in both social justice and grass roots political campaigns, as well as, her decades-long involvement in advancing the arts in Austin, Mrs. Barrientos's contributions to Austin's overall quality of life extended to virtually every facet of her life;
- (C) Emma S. Barrientos was equally likely to be seen marching with the United Farm Workers as she was donating her time organizing behind the scenes, planning political campaigns or serving as treasurer for a candidate;
- (D) Mrs. Barrientos was, along with local artists, community organizations and local activists, part of an initial cadre of community members who advocated for the establishment of a cultural center in Austin;
- (E) In the late 1990's, Mrs. Barrientos was part of the group of community members who incorporated a non-profit organization, called the Center for Mexican American Cultural Arts, to administer and operate the proposed Mexican American Cultural Center facility dedicated in previous years;
- (F) Those initial efforts provided an impetus for inclusion of the Mexican American Cultural Center to be included in the City of Austin's bond package allocating nearly \$11 million for construction of a world-class facility; and
- (G) More than 700 people have signed letters, petitions and lists asking for the City of Austin's Mexican American Cultural Center to be named in Emma S. Barrientos's honor as a testament to her dedication not only of community involvement, but also to her commitment to the arts in Austin.

PART 2. Council authorizes renaming the Mexican American Cultural Center to the Emma S. Barrientos Mexican American Cultural Center.

PART 3. Council waives the requirements of Chapter 14 of the Austin City Code related to renaming a city facility.

PART 4. This ordinance takes effect on _____, 2010.

PASSED AND APPROVED

_____, 2010

Lee Leffingwell
Mayor

APPROVED: _____
Karen M. Kennard
Acting City Attorney

ATTEST: _____
Shirley A. Gentry
City Clerk