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**CITY OF AUSTIN**  
**RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**

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**Posting Language:** Approve a resolution to establish criteria and procedure for naming a building as authorized under Chapter 14-1-3(1) of the City Code and to name the field office co-owned by Watershed Protection and Development Review and Public Works Departments, located at 6301-C Harold Court, the "Lee Nichols Jr. Building".

**Proposed meeting date:** THU 05/13/2004

**Sponsor:** Council Member Betty Dunkerley

**Co-sponsor 1:** Council Member Danny Thomas      **Co-sponsor 2:**

**Date by which the City Manager is requested to report back to Council:**

**Draft Resolution/Ordinance attached:**

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Mr. Nichol's retired from the City on December 31, 2003, with 45 years of continuous service; the second longest serving member of the City workforce, both active and retired. After leaving Anderson High School in 1954, Lee worked for himself until 1958. Mr. Nichols began working for the City on December 10, 1958, when he was 19 years old. He started working in the Public Works Department as a truck driver at a salary of \$.92 per hour. He concluded his career as Superintendent in the Field Operations Division of the Watershed Protection and Development Review Department, overseeing the maintenance of the City's stormwater drainage system. Lee was a legend in his time - known as being the most knowledgeable person with regards to the location of all storm drain lines constructed during the past 45 years; and his experience and invaluable work with this utility, as well as assistance with other utility departments is noteworthy.

Lee spent the majority of his career at the Harold Court facility, otherwise known as Townview. We think it is befitting that this recently remodeled building which is co-owned by Watershed Protection and Development Review and the Public Works Departments, be dedicated to Lee in recognition of his contributions to the maintenance of the City's drainage infrastructure. The application to name the field office located at 6301-C Harold Court after Lee Nichols Jr., has been approved by the acting director of Public Works (see attachment) and this application has the support of the Public Works Department, Street and Bridge Division that is co-located with Watershed Protection Field Operations staff in this building.

Attached is an example of the type of lettering that is proposed to be used, which is the same style used to name the St. Elmo facility after Tim Cheatham. The location of the sign would be along the east side of the building as shown in the attached photo. To date, we are not aware of any issues with naming this



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