



Agenda City Council Policy Session

Tuesday, April 24, 2018

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Item Added: Item 4**

CALL TO ORDER

COUNCIL INFORMATION AND FOLLOW-UP REQUESTS

This item is scheduled to give City Council members an opportunity to publicly request information or follow up on issues of interest to the community. If the information is available, staff will immediately provide it to the City Council member. No decisions will be made or action taken.

CONSENT ACTION

This item is scheduled to allow the City Council to act on the Mayor's recommendations on the Consent Agenda. There is no Consent Agenda for this meeting.

CALL FOR AN EXECUTIVE SESSION

A vote may be held to call an Executive Session.

REPORTS AND BUDGET UPDATES BY THE CITY MANAGER

This item is scheduled to allow the City Manager to provide brief informational reports on topics of interest to the City Council. The City Council may discuss these reports but no action will be taken.

INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION (ITEM 1)

1 **Phoenix Police Reserve Centennial Recognition**

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This report provides the Mayor and City Council with an update on the Phoenix Police Reserve Program and the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation in honor of the upcoming centennial anniversary of the Phoenix Police Reserve.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. and the Police Department on behalf of the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation.

DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION (ITEMS 2-3)

2 2018 Legislative Update

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Responsible Department

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3 Rainbow Crosswalks

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Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua and the Street Transportation Department.

ORDINANCES, RESOLUTIONS AND FORMAL ACTIONS (ITEM 4)

Roll Call and City Clerk Reads 24-Hour Paragraph

- *4 **ITEM ADDED - Consideration of Resolution Regarding Renaming of Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park (Resolution 21632)** Page 21

This report provides information to the Mayor and Council on the proposed renaming of Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park.

THIS ITEM IS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Deanna Jonovich and the Parks and Recreation Department.

ADJOURN

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Members:

Mayor Greg Stanton
Vice Mayor Thelda Williams
Councilman Jim Waring
Councilwoman Debra Stark
Councilwoman Laura Pastor
Councilman Daniel Valenzuela
Councilman Sal DiCiccio
Councilman Michael Nowakowski
Councilwoman Kate Gallego



Phoenix Police Reserve Centennial Recognition

This report provides the Mayor and City Council with an update on the Phoenix Police Reserve Program and the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation in honor of the upcoming centennial anniversary of the Phoenix Police Reserve.

THIS ITEM IS FOR INFORMATION AND DISCUSSION.

Summary

The Phoenix Police Reserve was formally established by the Commission of the City of Phoenix on May 17, 1918. To recognize its upcoming centennial anniversary, this report provides an update on the present-day Phoenix Police Reserve Program and the support it has received from the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation.

Phoenix Police Reserve Program

The Phoenix Police Department currently has 106 reserve police officers and 12 reserve recruits attending the police academy. Most of these men and women have full-time careers, yet they have also chosen to volunteer their time to serve their community as a reserve police officer with the Phoenix Police Department. Phoenix reserve officers are full-authority, sworn peace officers certified by the State and have undergone the same rigorous hiring and training standards as their career counterparts.

A significant number of Phoenix reserve officers are assigned to patrol precincts where they respond to thousands of calls for service each year as independently functioning police officers. In addition to patrol duties, reserve officers have also served in specialty assignments to include: investigations, motors, air support (helicopter pilots), SWAT and School Resource Officers among others. Reserve officers work seamlessly alongside their career counterparts, and there is no outward distinction that would make the public aware they are being served by a reserve police officer.

Many of the Department's career officers have transitioned to reserve status upon their retirement. This factor has allowed the Department to retain the valuable skills and experiences developed by these individuals over the years, which serves to enhance the Reserve Program.

As a group, Phoenix reserve officers are very dedicated. Several have nearly 40 years of service and others have individually donated more than 25,000 hours of service to the community. For FY 2016-17, Phoenix reserve officers collectively donated more than 34,000 hours of police services valued at approximately \$2.4 million. Since 2007, Phoenix reserve officers have collectively donated more than 365,000 hours of police services valued at approximately \$21 million.

Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation

Phoenix Police reserve officers have earned the support and appreciation of the Phoenix business community. In 2007, with the support of City management and the Police Department, many community and business leaders formed the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation, a non-profit, charitable organization. The Reserve Foundation is directed by an independent board of directors, which works closely with police management. The mission of the Reserve Foundation is to support the recruitment, training, equipment and operational needs of Phoenix reserve officers not satisfied by the City budget.

The Reserve Foundation has benefited from the generous works of several prominent civic and business leaders, and it has received support from a number of noteworthy businesses within the community. Since its inception, the Reserve Foundation has donated equipment, services and funding valued at more than \$825,000 to support Phoenix police reserve officers. Examples include: eight fully equipped patrol vehicles solely for use by reserve officers. The Reserve Foundation has also facilitated the donation of 50 portable radios, 10 laptop computers and docking stations, equipment and supplies to support the reserve academy recruits during their training, and funding for reserve officers to acquire advanced officer training.

In 2017, the Reserve Foundation supported the re-design of the Phoenix Police Reserve recruitment website, and in March of this year, it funded a three-month, Valleywide digital billboard recruitment campaign to hire more Phoenix reserve officers. Given its accomplishments, the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation has become a model for others across the country wishing to establish a charitable foundation that supports reserve police organizations in other jurisdictions.

The Reserve Foundation is hosting its second “Day at the Police Academy” on Friday, April 27, 2018. Forty new business, civic and community leaders will learn about the work performed by Phoenix reserve officers and will briefly experience some of the training that is provided to Phoenix reserve and career officers at the police academy.

Additionally, the Foundation will be hosting a “Centennial of Service” reception on May 3, 2018, to recognize the centennial anniversary of the creation of the Phoenix Police Reserve.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Assistant City Manager Milton Dohoney, Jr. and the Police Department on behalf of the Phoenix Police Reserve Foundation.



2018 Legislative Update

This report provides information regarding the status of current state legislative issues.

THIS ITEM IS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

Summary

April 24, 2018, is the 107th day of the Second Regular Session of the 53rd Legislature. The information provided in this report regarding status of legislation is current as of April 18, 2018. To date, 1,286 bills have been introduced and staff continues to review these measures to identify potential impacts.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Karen Peters and the Office of Government Relations.

**Attachment A
City Council Information
April 24, 2018**

State Update

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Update on bills that the City supports:

SB 1465: Sober Living Homes; Certification (Sen. Kate Brophy McGee; Phoenix) requires the Arizona Department of Health Services (ADHS) to adopt rules in order to establish standards and requirements for licensure of sober living homes. ADHS will be able to require that sober living homes to facilitate drug and alcohol testing, adopt good neighbor policies, and require residents to participate in various substance abuse treatment programs. The legislation permits municipalities and counties to adopt ordinances that establish standards for sober living homes until ADHS creates its rules. Once ADHS adopts its rules for licensing of sober living homes, municipalities and counties would no longer be able to administer their own sober living ordinances. SB 1465 was signed by the Governor on April 11, 2018.

HB 2304: Public Buildings; Omnibus (Rep. Noel Campbell; Prescott) extends the ability of local government to use construction-manager-at-risk, design-build, or job-order-contracting methods for horizontal construction projects to June 30, 2025; allows for procurement of certain architectural services if the amount is less than \$500,000; and increases the penalties for failing to follow proper public procurement and contracting requirements. The bill was signed by the Governor on April 10, 2018.

The following bill is for information only:

SB 1519: Protective Orders; Schools; Appropriations (Sen. Steve Smith; Maricopa) introduces language that would allow family members and school staff to petition a court to have a student evaluated if they believe that there is a threat of dangerous behavior to others. If a judge agrees with the request, law enforcement agencies would take the student into custody for evaluation as well as confiscate any weapons that person may have in his or her control. The bill also makes changes to school safety procedures and the Arizona Department of Education's School Safety Program and provides funding for school resource officers. SB 1519 awaits a hearing in the Senate Commerce and Public Safety Committee.

BILLS CONTAINED IN PREVIOUS CITY COUNCIL REPORTS

Letter	Bill	Title	City Position	Status
A.	HCR2015	Municipal and County Tax Limitations (Rep. Bob Thorpe; Flagstaff)	Oppose	Awaits a hearing in the House Ways and Means Committee.
B.	HB2023	Prohibited Weapon; Bump-fire Device; Accessory (Rep. Randy Friese; Tucson)	Support	Awaits a hearing in the House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
C.	HB2114	Power Authority; Procurement Code; Exemption (Rep. Darin Mitchell; Goodyear)	Support	Vetoed by the Governor on April 2, 2018.
D.	HB2116	Limitations of Actions; Dedicated Property (Rep. Anthony Kern; Glendale)	Oppose	Transmitted to Senate on Feb. 23, 2018, and awaits a hearing in Senate Judiciary Committee.
E.	HB2320	Development Agreements; Prohibited Agreements (Rep. David Livingston; Peoria)	Oppose	Awaits a review in Rules Committee.
F.	HB2330	1% Property Tax Limit; GPLET (Rep. Vince Leach; Tucson)	Oppose	Was retained in the Senate Committee of the Whole on Feb. 22, 2018.

G.	HB2333	Home-based Businesses; Local Regulation (Rep. Jeff Weninger; Chandler)	Oppose	Failed to receive a hearing in the Senate Government Committee.
H.	HB2479	TPT; Digital Goods and Services (Rep. Michelle Ugenti-Rita; Scottsdale)	Oppose	Passed the House on Feb. 28, 2018 by a vote of 39-19 and was transmitted to the Senate.
I.	HB2512	Water Program Amendments (Rep. Rusty Bowers; Mesa)	Oppose	Approved by the Senate Rules Committee on March 26, 2018, and now awaits action in the Senate Committee of the Whole.
J.	HB2514	HURF Distribution; Cities, Towns, Counties (Rep. David Cook; Globe)	Oppose	Passed the Senate Appropriations Committee on March 27, 2018, by a vote of 6-4 and now awaits review in the Senate Rules Committee.
K.	SB1465	Sober Living Homes; Certification (Sen. Brophy McGee, Phoenix)	Support	Signed by the Governor on April 11, 2018.
L.	HB2532	Occupational Regulation; Municipalities; Counties; Prohibition	Oppose	Awaiting Conference Committee.

		(Rep. Kevin Payne; Peoria)		
M.	HB2579	Video Service; Certificates of Authority (Rep. Jill Norgaard; Phoenix)	Oppose	Held in the Senate Government Committee on March 21, 2018.
N.	HB2586	Antidiscrimination; Employment; Housing; Public Accommodations (Rep. Daniel Hernandez; Tucson)	Support	Awaiting a hearing in the House Judiciary and Public Safety Committee.
O.	HB2604	Consolidated Elections; Voter Turnout (Rep. J.D. Mesnard; Chandler)	Oppose	Was signed by the Governor on April 17, 2018.
P.	HB2625	Municipal Seals; Restricted Use (Rep. Todd Clodfelter; Tucson)	Oppose	Held in the House Local and International Affairs Committee.
Q.	SB1002	Home-Based Businesses; Regulations; Municipalities (Sen. David Farnsworth; Gilbert)	Oppose	Awaits a hearing in the Senate Government Committee.
R.	SCR1037	Right to Engage in Occupation (Rep. Steve Smith; Maricopa)	Oppose	Awaits review in the Senate Rules Committee.
S.	SB1039	Appropriation; Arizona Water Protection Fund (Sen. Gail Griffin; Hereford)	Support	Passed the House Appropriations Committee on March 21, 2018, by a vote of 8-1

				and now awaits review in the House Rules Committee.
T.	SB1119	Municipal Judges; Terms; Retention Election (Sen. John Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)	Oppose	Awaiting a hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.
U.	SB1146	Vehicle Fees; Alternative Fuel VLT (Sen. Bob Worsley; Mesa)	Support	Awaits Third Read action in the Senate.
V.	SB1295	Animal Cruelty; Domestic Violence; Classification (Sen. John Kavanagh; Fountain Hills)	Support	Was used as a “strike everything” amendment dealing with insurance producer fees in House Appropriations Committee on March 28, 2018.
W.	SB1404	Occupational Regulation; Municipalities; Counties (Rep. Steve Smith; Maricopa)	Oppose	Failed on the Senate floor (12-17) on March 5, 2018.
X.	SB1464	Parks; Historic Preservation; Lottery Fund (Sen. Kate Brophy McGee; Phoenix)	Support	Awaits a hearing in the Senate Natural Resources, Energy and Water Committee.
Y.	SB1507	Water Program Amendments	Oppose	Failed on the Senate floor by a

		(Sen. Gail Griffin; Hereford)		vote of 15-15 on March 5, 2018.
Z.	HB2182	Campaign Finance; Candidate Committee; Transfers (Rep. Doug Coleman; Apache Junction)	Information Only	Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee by a vote of 6-1 and now awaits review in the Senate Rules Committee.
AA.	HB2357	EORP; Employer Contributions (Rep. David Livingston; Peoria)	Information Only	Passed House Third Read on Feb. 21, 2018, by a vote of 45-15 and awaits a hearing in the Senate Finance Committee.
BB.	HB2545	EORP; Cost-of-Living Adjustment (Rep. David Livingston; Peoria)	Information Only	Signed by the Governor on April 5, 2018.
CC.	HB2564	Court Fees; EORP; State Contribution (Rep. David Livingston; Peoria)	Information Only	Passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on March 26, 2018, by a vote of 6-0 and now awaits review in the Senate Rules Committee.
DD.	SB1387	Real Property; Conveyance; Disclosure (S/E: Home Based Businesses) (Rep. Gail Griffin; Hereford)	Oppose	Passed the House on April 16, 2018 by a vote of 32-25 and now awaits Senate Final Read action.
EE.	HB2153	Campaign Finance; Nonprofits; Disclosure (Rep.	Oppose	Signed by the Governor on April 5, 2018.

		Vince Leach; Tucson)		
FF.	HB2126	Government Property; Abatement; Slum; Blight (Rep. Vince Leach; Tucson)	Neutral	Signed by the Governor on April 17, 2018.
GG.	SB1140	Video Services; Certificates of Authority (Sen. Gail Griffin; Hereford)	Oppose	Passed the House on April 11, 2018 by a vote of 31-27 and now awaits Senate Final Read action.
HH.	HB2371	Mobile Food Vendors; State Licensure (Rep. Kevin Payne; Peoria)	Oppose	Awaiting Final Read in both House and Senate Chambers.
II.	SB1147	County Excise Tax for Transportation (Sen. Bob Worsley; Mesa)	Support	Awaiting review in the House Rules Committee.



Rainbow Crosswalks

This report provides information on public crosswalks painted in rainbow colors in cities around the United States. Staff requests direction from the City Council regarding installation of rainbow-painted crosswalks in response to community interest expressed to the Phoenix Mayor's Office. Several cities across the nation have repainted or added rainbow colors to crosswalks in specific locations.

THIS ITEM IS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

Summary

Several cities throughout the country have installed rainbow-painted crosswalks as a public symbol of inclusivity with the lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and questioning (LGBTQ) community. The cities that have installed rainbow-painted crosswalks through temporary, pilot, or permanent projects include Atlanta, Houston, Key West, Long Beach, Miami Beach, Northampton, San Antonio, San Francisco, Seattle, Tucson, Washington, D.C. and West Hollywood. These crosswalks were installed primarily using private funds, however some cities provided a portion of the costs through public funds.

The cities that have installed rainbow crosswalks as a pilot program are evaluating safety and durability as part of the pilot program. The pilots limit the number of crosswalks to allow time for evaluation. The Federal Highway Administration has expressed safety concerns with colored sidewalks, citing that crosswalk art is contrary to the goal of increased safety. Installing these at locations with existing signalized crossings and ladder patterns helps mitigate safety concerns.

The City of Phoenix Mayor's Office was contacted by three nonprofit organizations requesting installation of rainbow crosswalks in Phoenix (letters attached). The three organizations include the Phoenix Pride Community Foundation, one-n-ten, and Aunt Rita's Foundation, all of which serve and assist LGBTQ individuals and community in various ways.

The following two existing signalized pedestrian crosswalks have been proposed to be rainbow-painted crosswalks: the crossing of Central Avenue at Portland Street, and the crossing of 7th Avenue at Glenrosa Avenue.

Private funding has been offered to cover the costs of materials, installation and ongoing maintenance for the rainbow-painted portions of the crosswalks that are not already maintained by the City.

Staff seeks City Council direction on the request for rainbow crossings at the two proposed locations. If approved by the Council, staff will work with the organizations to provide assistance regarding specifications on design, materials, installation and maintenance.

Location

Portland Street and Central Avenue
7th Avenue and Glenrosa Avenue
Council Districts: 4 and 7

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Mario Paniagua and the Street Transportation Department.



Office of Mayor Greg Stanton
City of Phoenix
4/1/2018

Dear Mayor Stanton,

Allow me to introduce myself. I am the new Executive Director of Phoenix Pride and I am writing to you today to address and formally request a Rainbow Crosswalk program for our city.

Other major cities around the country have adopted rainbow crosswalk initiatives, including San Francisco, Philadelphia, Miami, Seattle, Atlanta, Long Beach (California), West Hollywood (Los Angeles) and Key West, as have international cities including Vancouver, Toronto and Ottawa in Canada, alone.

The City of Phoenix is now the 5th largest city in the country and is known throughout the country, and globally, as a city that is culturally rich, highly diverse and welcoming of all people. The City proudly acknowledges the rich and diverse presence of public art projects reflecting the myriad cultures that make up the City of Phoenix. Other organizations within the city have undertaken, and been granted approval for similar initiatives that are reflective of their particular culture.

The time is right to move this proposal forward to bring rainbow crosswalks to one Phoenix intersection so that our City can continue to embrace and thrive in our diversity and our inclusion and in welcoming all people who wish to visit, live in, work in, build a business in or simply enjoy the City of Phoenix.

Thank you for your time and prompt attention.

Respectfully,

Michael Fornelli
Executive Director
Phoenix Pride

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April 18th, 2018



one·n·ten
Today's Youth. Tomorrow's Future.

Mayor Stanton,

Downtown Phoenix has transformed into a dynamic city hub, full of energy, the arts, and some of the best culinary finds in the metro area. As the heart of the downtown area, our Youth Center plays a pivotal role in welcoming LGBTQ Youth to the area. Therefore, we hope you will consider the installation of a rainbow striped crosswalk on the east side of the Portland and Central Avenue intersection.

This crosswalk is the daily means of access from the Roosevelt light rail station to our youth center for the 1,000+ youth we will serve in 2018. Many of our youth are at-risk, disenfranchised, and/or below poverty level, some are experiencing homelessness. Now more than ever, we must show these youth that they are welcome, supported, and embrace as they seek support services. The most common response in our 2017 annual youth survey to "why you attend one-n-ten" was "its home."

The installation of this rainbow crosswalk is a celebration of our vibrant Phoenix LGBTQ community. The umbrella of services, offered through the Parson's Center for Health & Wellness, reaches far beyond the LGBTQ community through the eight agencies supporting this initiative and calling the Parson's building home. The installation of the rainbow crosswalk will offer a permanent sign of support, celebrating the resilience of Phoenix Youth.

Thank you for your unwavering support of one-n-ten and the LGBTQ+ community. The city council, under your leadership, has been instrumental in our success as an organization, advocating for the rights and visibility of the LGBT community.

Nate Rhoton
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April 18, 2018

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Re: LGBTQ Rainbow Crosswalk Request

Dear Mayor Stanton:

On behalf of Aunt Rita's Foundation, and the LGBTQ community that we serve, we urge the City of Phoenix to create a permanent rainbow painted crosswalk at Portland St., across Central Ave. This rainbow crosswalk would help to reduce discrimination against the LGBTQ community, and by extension reduce HIV stigma. By reducing HIV stigma, the City can more effectively achieve the 90-90-90-0 goals embodied by the Fast Track City Initiative and championed by yourself.

Your leadership on both of these issues has been remarkable. The installation of the rainbow crosswalk at Portland across Central would offer a permanent message of LGBTQ acceptance in our community.

Sincerely,

Glen Spencer
Executive Director
602-396-4360 direct
glen@untritas.org

In **EVERYTHING** we do we are **DEDICATED**
to the **ELIMINATION** of, and suffering from, **HIV and AIDS.**



ITEM ADDED - Consideration of Resolution Regarding Renaming of Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park (Resolution 21632)

This report provides information to the Mayor and Council on the proposed renaming of Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park.

THIS ITEM IS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION.

Summary

Bishop Alexis A. Thomas was a long-time leader in the Phoenix community, having served as senior pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church for 33 years, beginning at age 16, a historic event in the state of Arizona. Under his leadership, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church grew from 200 to more than 4,000 members. Pastor Bishop was a proud graduate of South Mountain High School and held a Bachelor of Science Degree in Biblical Studies from Southwestern Christian University. Bishop Thomas tirelessly served the community in various capacities, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce and as General Chairman of the African American Christian Clergy Coalition, which he founded in 2001.

Aya Park is a City park located at 1925 E. Carver Road in the south Phoenix community. Aya Park is 0.82 acres in size and is classified as a mini park. The land where Aya Park is located was purchased in 2013 for \$82,000 from Presbyterian of Grand Canyon; previously, the City leased the land for the park. Following its purchase, Aya Park was renovated and the community celebrated the grand reopening on Nov. 12, 2016. Aya Park consists of the following amenities: turf; lighted basketball court; playground structure; adult exercise equipment; and ramada.

In recognition of Pastor Thomas' legacy of service and the impact he had on the Phoenix community, Mayor Stanton proposed that the City Council consider a resolution urging the Parks and Recreation Board (Board) to rename Aya Park in Bishop Thomas' honor. Under the Phoenix City Charter, the Board has broad jurisdiction over the City park system and sets park policy, including final approval authority for all names for parks, parks features and recreational facilities. Board Policy 3.3 lays out specific conditions that are considered when naming a park.

Attachment A contains the proposed resolution, which would have the effect of encouraging the Board to rename Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park.

Attachment B contains a letter of support received from Richard D. Yarbough, Elder/Administrator, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church.

Responsible Department

This item is submitted by Deputy City Manager Deanna Jonovich and the Parks and Recreation Department.

Attachment A

RESOLUTION 21632

A RESOLUTION RELATING TO THE RENAMING OF
AYA PARK TO BISHOP ALEXIS A. THOMAS PARK.

WHEREAS, Bishop Alexis A. Thomas was born in Chandler, Arizona on November 9, 1967 to Reverend and Mrs. Hubert Thomas and was a proud graduate of South Mountain High School in 1985; and,

WHEREAS, after serving as an Associate Minister at the Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, Bishop Thomas was named Senior Pastor at the age of 16, a historic event in the state of Arizona; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas served as senior pastor of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church for 33 years and, under his leadership, Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church grew from 200 to over 4,000 members, making the congregation one of the largest in Phoenix and one of the most prominent African-American ministries in the southwestern United States; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas served the Phoenix community in innumerable ways, including serving on the Board of Directors of the Greater Phoenix Black Chamber of Commerce and as General Chairman of the African American Christian Clergy Coalition, which he founded in 2001; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas was survived by his wife, First Lady Dr. Michele Thomas, and five sons, Shimond, Remone, Jamell, Micah and Micaiah; and,

WHEREAS, Bishop Thomas' courage, dedication and personal sacrifice left behind a legacy of service that will inspire the Phoenix community for generations to come; and,

WHEREAS, Aya Park is a city of Phoenix park, which Bishop Thomas affectionately mentioned in his description of where he grew up, "18th Street and Chipman, around the corner from the mini-park", located in South Phoenix at 1925 East Carver Drive, and that is beloved by the community that Bishop Thomas faithfully served for so many years;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHOENIX as follows:

SECTION 1. That the Phoenix Parks and Recreation Board is urged to rename Aya Park Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park in honor of Bishop Thomas.

PASSED by the Council of the City of Phoenix this 24th day of April, 2018.

M A Y O R

ATTEST:

_____ City Clerk

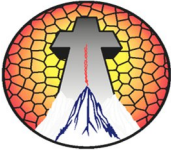
APPROVED AS TO FORM:

_____ Acting City Attorney

REVIEWED BY:

_____ City Manager

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Attachment B
PILGRIM REST BAPTIST CHURCH

April 19, 2018

The Honorable Greg Stanton
Mayor
City of Phoenix
200 W. Washington Street, 11th Floor
Phoenix, AZ 85003

Dear Mayor Stanton:

When I received the call today from your office informing me of your intent to submit a resolution to rename Aya Park to Bishop Alexis A. Thomas Park, it was a welcomed surprise. On behalf of the members of Pilgrim Rest Baptist Church, please accept our sincere thanks for taking the initiative to consider this resolution in honor our late Pastor.

Bishop Thomas was proud to call Phoenix his hometown. He loved the City, the Cardinals, and especially his beloved Suns. However, every person who attended more than one service at Pilgrim Rest knows that Bishop Thomas grew up in South Phoenix at "18th Street and Chipman around the corner from the mini-park (Aya Park)." I cannot think of any greater way to honor a true Phoenix leader than to rename the park that was so dear to Bishop Thomas for the many fond memories of his childhood.

Today, I spoke with Lady Michele Thomas and she agrees that Bishop would have been pleased and proud to have the park of his childhood named after him. Please accept this letter as confirmation of our full support of your effort and resolution. If we can be of any further assistance or support in this endeavor, please do not hesitate to let us know.

Sincerely,

Richard D. Yarbough

Richard D. Yarbough
Elder/Administrator