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AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets, renaming the segment of South Lander Street between 16th Avenue South and 17th Avenue South from South Lander Street to South Roberto Maestas Festival Street.

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas was a leading advocate for social justice who dedicated his life to social justice and civil rights; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas was born in Lourdes, New Mexico, came to Washington State as a migrant farm worker, and later became one of the first Chicano students to graduate from the University of Washington; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas led community actions in the struggle for social, environmental and economic justice and was proudly arrested 13 times for just causes; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas founded El Centro de la Raza and was executive director of the organization for 37 years; and

WHEREAS, El Centro de la Raza is a voice and a hub for the Latino community and provides an array of social, human, and educational services to people of all races and ethnicities; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas will be remembered as a tireless, visionary and courageous leader who lived his convictions; and

WHEREAS, Roberto Maestas' work has made Seattle a better place for all; and

WHEREAS, the Beacon Hill community has expressed their support for the change; and

WHEREAS, the relevant public safety and public utilities agencies have reviewed the proposal and agree that no significant, negative impacts would result from this change;
NOW, THEREFORE,

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF SEATTLE AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The segment of South Lander Street between 16th Avenue South and 17th Avenue South is hereby changed from South Lander Street to South Roberto Maestas Festival Street.



1 Section 2. For the city's internal use in databases that limit the number of street
2 name characters, the name may be abbreviated as South Roberto Maestas Fest. Street.

3 Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its approval
4 by the Mayor, but if not approved and returned by the Mayor within ten days after
5 presentation, it shall take effect as provided by Seattle Municipal Code Section 1.04.020.

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Passed by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2011,
and signed by me in open session in authentication of its passage this
____ day of _____, 2011.

President _____ of the City Council

Approved by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2011.

City Clerk

(Seal)



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Legislation Title: AN ORDINANCE relating to City streets, renaming the segment of South Lander Street between 16th Avenue South and 17th Avenue South from South Lander Street to South Roberto Maestas Festival Street.

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation renames the segment of South Lander Street between 16th Avenue South and 17th Avenue South from South Lander Street to South Roberto Maestas Festival Street.

Background: Roberto Maestas was a founder of El Centro de la Raza and a leading advocate of social justice. The Lander Festival Street is adjacent to El Centro de la Raza and this change will honor his memory and the contributions he made to the community.

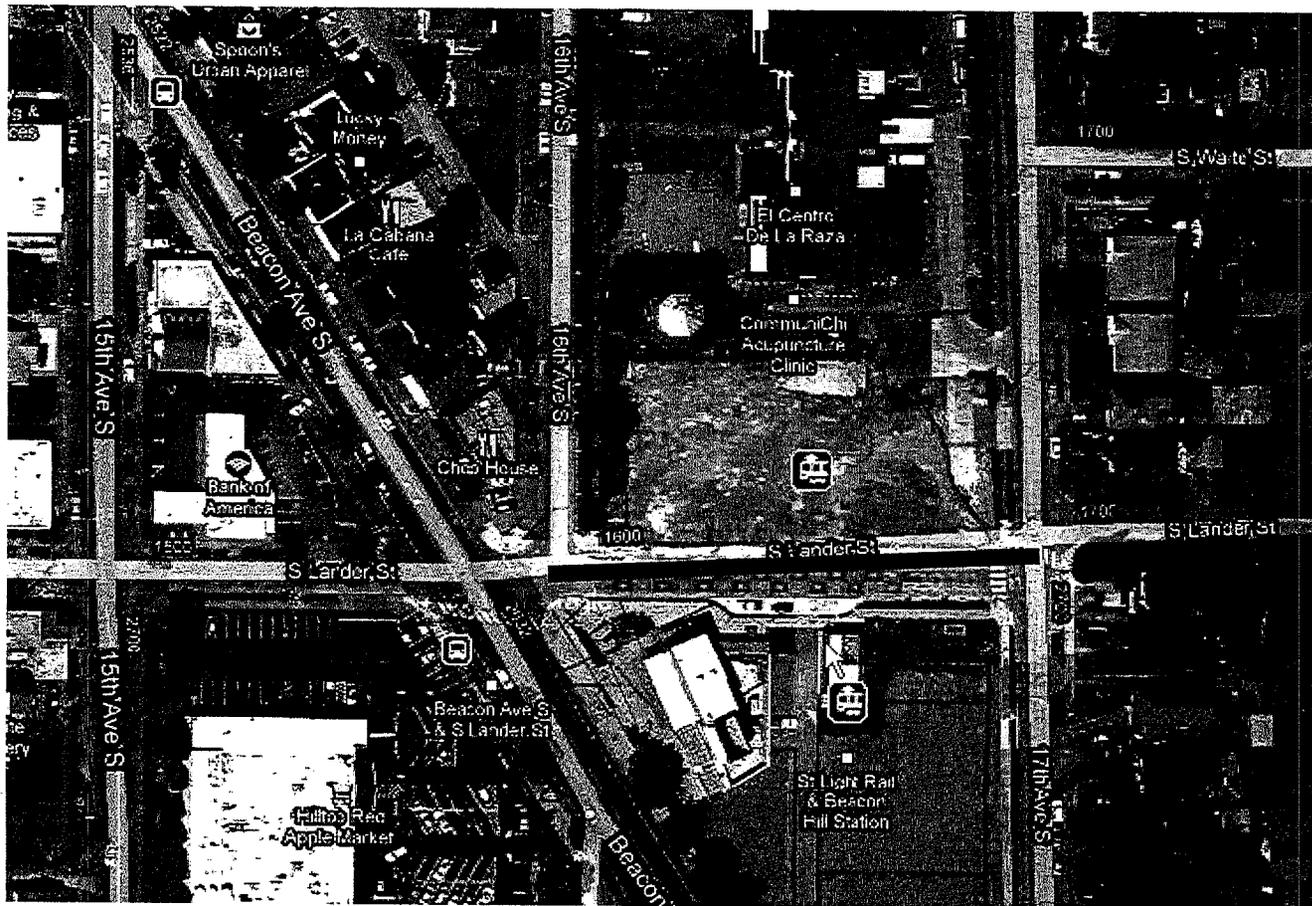
- Please check one of the following:

This legislation does not have any financial implications. There will be nominal costs for this project that will be paid by the Seattle Department of Transportation.

Attachment A: Segment of South Lander to be renamed "South Roberto Maestas Festival Street"



Segment of South Lander to be renamed “South Roberto Maestas Festival Street”





City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

March 15, 2011

Honorable Richard Conlin
President
Seattle City Council
City Hall, 2nd Floor

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Council Bill that will change the name of South Lander Street between 16th and 17th Avenues South to South Roberto Maestas Festival Street.

This street name change honors the late Roberto Maestas, a leading community activist who dedicated his life to social justice and civil rights. Mr. Maestas founded El Centro de la Raza and was executive director of the organization for 37 years. El Centro de la Raza is a voice and a hub for the Latino community and provides an array of social, human, and educational services to people of all races and ethnicities. Mr. Maestas died in September 2010, and will be remembered as a tireless visionary and courageous leader who lived his convictions.

The block of Lander Street proposed for renaming was reconstructed in 2009, with decorative pavers, pedestrian scale lighting, and removable bollards that allow the street to be closed for community festivals and events. This block is immediately adjacent to El Centro de la Raza's facility on Beacon Hill, and is bounded on the south side by the Beacon Hill light rail station. This proposed change has the support of the Beacon Hill community and the adjacent property owners.

Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Kristen Simpson at (206) 684-5054.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council

