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A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of South Lander Street from 16th Avenue South to 17th Avenue South as the "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 of us; NOW
THEREFORE,

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SEATTLE, THE
MAYOR CONCURRING, AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. South Lander Street between 16th and 17th Ave South shall have a secondary designation as the "Roberto Maestas Festival Street."

Section 2. The Council requests that the Seattle Department of Transportation place memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations, which shall reflect the "Roberto Maestas Festival Street" designation.

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Section 3. By this Resolution, the Council does not intend to affect any existing or future signage that reflects the secondary designation of South Lander Street, with the exception of the memorial signs described in Section 2 of this Resolution.

Adopted by the City Council the ____ day of _____, 2010, and signed by me in open session in authentication of its adoption this ____ day of _____, 2010.

President _____ of the City Council

THE MAYOR CONCURRING:

Michael McGinn, Mayor

Filed by me this ____ day of _____, 2010.

City Clerk

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FISCAL NOTE FOR NON-CAPITAL PROJECTS

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Legislation Title: A RESOLUTION providing an honorary designation of South Lander Street from 16th Avenue South to 17th Avenue South as the “Roberto Maestas Festival Street.”

Summary of the Legislation: This legislation requests the Seattle Department of Transportation to manufacture, install and maintain memorial signs at prominent and appropriate locations out of existing departmental budget for the secondary naming designation of “Roberto Maestas Festival Street” for South Lander Street between 16th and 17th Avenue South.

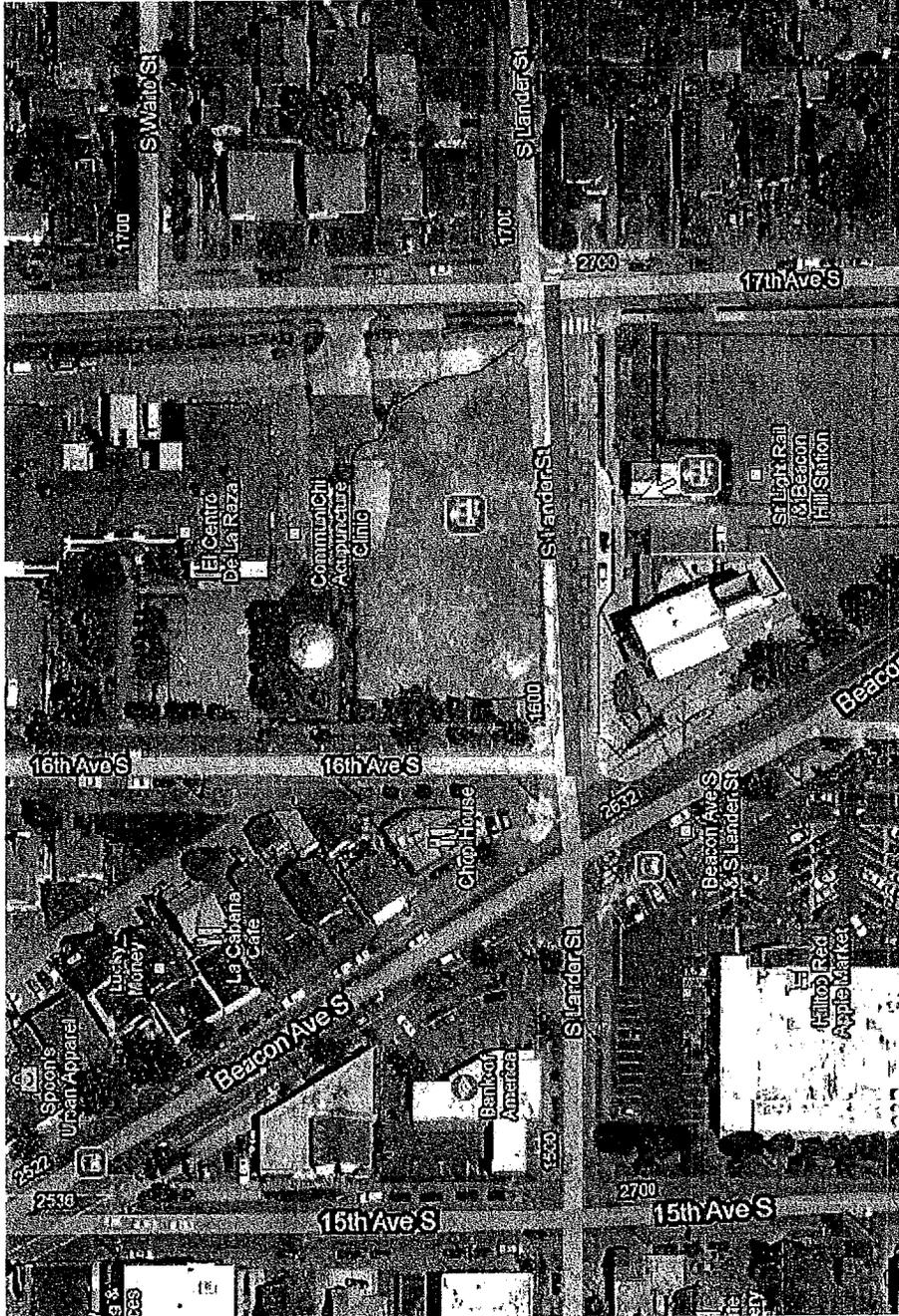
Background: Roberto Maestas was a founder of El Centro de la Raza and a leading advocate of social justice. South Lander Street is adjacent to El Centro de la Raza and giving it a secondary designation as “Roberto Maestas Festival Street” will honor his memory and the contributions he made in our community.

- *Please check one of the following:*

This legislation does not have any financial implications. The nominal costs for this project are included in the Seattle Department of Transportation budget. No additional funds or budget authority is necessary.

Attachment A: Proposed Honorary Designation of “Roberto Maestas Festival Street”

Proposed Honorary Designation of "Roberto Maestas Festival Street"





City of Seattle
Office of the Mayor

October 26, 2010

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

Dear Council President Conlin:

I am pleased to transmit the attached proposed Resolution that will provide an honorary designation of the 1600-1700 blocks of South Lander Street as the Roberto Maestas Festival Street, in honor of one of Seattle's true heroes. This block of the Lander Street plaza is located immediately between Beacon Hill's light rail station and El Centro de la Raza, the organization Roberto Maestas founded and for which he served as Executive Director for 37 years. This portion of Lander Street is a festival street, where a public gathering space can be created for pedestrian-oriented events.

It is particularly fitting that the street adjoining El Centro de la Raza be recognized in of honor Roberto Maestas. Roberto led the organization as it developed into the voice and a hub for the Latino community in Seattle. El Centro continues to provide an array of social, human, and educational services to people of all races and ethnicities. In honoring Roberto, the honorary street name will memorialize a tireless, visionary and courageous leader who lived his convictions.

The honorary designation of this block of South Lander Street as the Roberto Maestas Festival Street does not require any address or map changes. It will not impact wayfinding or emergency response. The Department of Transportation will install memorial signs on existing sign posts at a nominal cost. I believe this is a wonderful gesture that pays tribute to one of our city's foremost civil rights leaders. Thank you for your consideration of this legislation. Should you have questions, please contact Roxanne Thomas in the Traffic Management Division of SDOT at 684-8132.

Sincerely,

Michael McGinn
Mayor of Seattle

cc: Honorable Members of the Seattle City Council