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Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres was born in Denver, Colorado and was a graduate of Roosevelt High School in Los Angeles. Captain Torres served the City of Los Angeles for 45 years. He joined the Department of Recreation and Parks as an Occupational Trainee in March 1974, assigned to grounds maintenance duties at the Roosevelt Golf Course in Griffith Park; in August 1976 he promoted to Senior Gardener and continued to work at the Roosevelt Golf Course until August 1984 when he promoted to the classification of Park Maintenance Supervisor within the Park Ranger Division; in 1984 he joined the Park Ranger Division as a sworn officer assigned to the mounted unit, where he continued to be well known and respected in the Equestrian Community throughout his career.

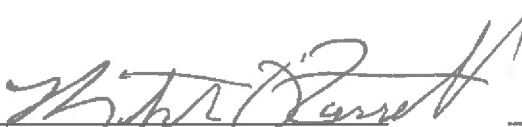

In 1988, he promoted to the rank of Sergeant and in 2001, he promoted to the rank of Captain. In 2002, Captain Torres, being recognized as a quality leader, was selected as the Acting Chief of the Park Ranger Division, where he led the Department in every day operations for a period of time. Captain Torres spent much of the last few years being a champion on helping and caring for the homeless community; spending many hours reaching out to provide services and care, treating each individual with respect and kindness.

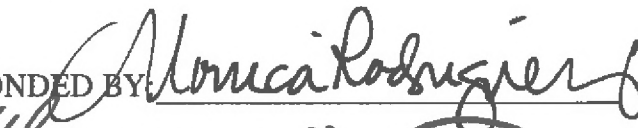


Captain Torres was extremely loved by the Los Angeles communities he served, by the City Council, the Mayor's office, the Police Department, and other law enforcement agencies and fire departments throughout the Los Angeles Region. He was well known, loved and respected through all the levels of the Department of Recreation and Parks, especially by his brothers and sisters at the Park Ranger Division whom he worked with every day.

Captain Torres was a phenomenal individual and a great Park Ranger who dedicated his life, with an unmatched passion, to serving the City of Angels; he was the epitome of a Park Ranger.

In light of the distinguished career of service to the Department of Recreation and Parks and to the people and City of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the Visitor Center / Ranger Station at Crystal Springs in Griffith Park be named in his memory.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to name the Visitor Center / Ranger Station at Crystal Springs in Griffith Park in memory of Park Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres in recognition of his distinguished career of service to the Department of Recreation and Parks and to the people and City of Los Angeles.

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October 22, 2019 SECONDED BY: 
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