


**CITY OF SAN ANTONIO**  
**INTERDEPARTMENTAL CORRESPONDENCE**

**TO:** Tina Flores, Interim City Clerk  
**FROM:** Lori Houston, Assistant City Manager   
**COPIES:** Erik Walsh, City Manager; Colleen Bridger, Assistant City Manager; Roberto Trevino, Councilmember  
**SUBJECT:** **Naming of City Owned Facility from Columbus Park to Piazza Italia**  
**DATE:** July 1, 2020

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City staff will initiate the process of renaming the City-owned facility located at 500 Columbus Street known as Columbus Park to Piazza Italia. This action reflects Councilmember Trevino's June 15<sup>th</sup> Council Consideration Request that requests the statue of Christopher Columbus be removed from the Park and conveyed to the Christopher Columbus Italian Society, the organization that donated the statue to the City in 1957, and that the Park is renamed. The proposed name of Piazza Italia commemorates the culture and heritage of the Italian community in San Antonio. The Christopher Columbus Italian Society supports these actions in the spirit of being a part of the movement to unite our community and reflect inclusivity in the public green space at the park. Attached is a letter addressed to City Manager Erik Walsh indicating their support for the removal, renaming, and conveyance.

The Governance Committee considered the Council Consideration Request at the June 30, 2020 Governance Committee and it was decided that all three requests would move forward to City Council for consideration in August. As per Chapter 6 of the City Code, a renaming committee must be established to consider the renaming request and hold a public hearing. The following individuals will serve as the renaming committee: Homer Garcia, Director of Parks and Recreation; Shanon Miller, Director of the Office of Historic Preservation; Paolo Cristadoro; Christopher Columbus Italian Society; and Erik Sanden; Parks and Recreation Board Member. Upon confirmation of receipt from your office, the Parks and Recreation Department will schedule the Committee Meeting and the public hearing. Please contact my office at 210-207-2129 with any questions.