

**THIS IS A PROPOSED DRAFT AND WILL BE REPLACED BY THE FINAL,  
SIGNED ORDINANCE OR RESOLUTION ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL.**

**ORDINANCE**

**ACKNOWLEDGING AND APPROVING THE REMOVAL  
OF THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS STATUE FROM  
COLUMBUS PARK; APPROVING THE CONVEYANCE OF  
THE STATUE TO THE CHRISTOPHER COLUMBUS  
ITALIAN SOCIETY; AND RENAMING OF COLUMBUS  
PARK TO PIAZZA ITALIA PARK LOCATED AT 500  
COLUMBUS STREET IN COUNCIL DISTRICT 1.**

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**WHEREAS**, a Council Consideration Request (CCR) was sponsored by Councilmember Treviño on June 15, 2020, requesting the return of the Christopher Columbus statue located at Columbus Park to the Christopher Columbus Italian Society (Society) and the renaming of Columbus Park to Piazza Italia Park; and

**WHEREAS**, in recognition of this rich history, the Society proposes to work with the Offices of Arts & Culture and Historic Preservation on the creation of a plaque marking the location of the Italian community to be placed on the plinth in place of the statue; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 25, 2020 the Christopher Columbus statue located in the park was vandalized and the statue was removed from the park on July 1, 2020 in the interest of public safety and to prevent further vandalism to the City-owned asset; and

**WHEREAS**, the cost associated with this administrative action totaled \$5,000.00 and was covered by the adopted Fiscal Year 2020 Parks Department operating budget; and

**WHEREAS**, to facilitate the renaming process of Columbus Park, a committee was established to hold a public hearing on this proposal with the committee consisted of Homer Garcia III, Parks and Recreation Director; Shanon Miller, Office of Historic Preservation Director; Paolo Cristadoro, Christopher Columbus Italian Society; and Erik Sanden, District 1 Parks and Recreation Board Member; and

**WHEREAS**, notice of the public hearing was advertised in the San Antonio Express-News on July 12; advertised through digital ad in the Rivard Report daily from July 9 through July 16; advertised in La Prensa in Spanish on July 12, 2020; and advertised in the Southside Reporter on July 14, 2020; and

**WHEREAS**, notice was also posted on the City of San Antonio Parks and Recreation and the City's SASpeakUp websites in addition to the distribution of multiple media releases and direct notification was mailed to residents and businesses within a 200-foot radius of the park; and

**WHEREAS**, the public hearing was held via videoconference on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at 5:30 p.m. Public input was read on the proposed park renaming, which 34 individuals commented in

favor of renaming the park and 22 were in opposition; and

**WHEREAS**, the committee unanimously voted to recommend to the City Council that Columbus Park be renamed to Piazza Italia Park located at 500 Columbus Street; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The City Manager or designee, or the Director of the Parks and Recreation Department or designee, is authorized. acknowledging and approving the removal of the Christopher Columbus statue from Columbus Park; conveyance of the statue to the Christopher Columbus Italian Society; and renaming of Columbus Park to Piazza Italia Park located at 500 Columbus Street in Council District 1.

**SECTION 2.** No fiscal language needed.

**SECTION 3.** Payment is limited to the amounts budgeted in the Operating and/or Capital Budget funding sources identified. All expenditures will comply with approved operating and/or capital budgets for current and future fiscal years.

**SECTION 4.** The financial allocations in this Ordinance are subject to approval by the Director of Finance, City of San Antonio. The Director of Finance may, subject to concurrence by the City Manager or the City Manager's designee, correct allocations to specific SAP Fund Numbers, SAP Project Definitions, SAP WBS Elements, SAP Internal Orders, SAP Fund Centers, SAP Cost Centers, SAP Functional Areas, SAP Funds Reservation Document Numbers, and SAP GL Accounts as necessary to carry out the purpose of this Ordinance.

**SECTION 5.** This ordinance is effective immediately upon the receipt of eight affirmative votes; otherwise, it is effective ten days after passage.

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2020.

**M A Y O R**  
**Ron Nirenberg**

**ATTEST:**

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Tina Flores, Acting City Clerk

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Andrew Segovia, City Attorney