

# MEMORANDUM

**DATE:** November 6, 2024

**TO:** Melissa Manriquez, Clerk of the Board

**FROM:** Adelita Grijalva, Chair and District Five Supervisor *K. Howell, for*

**REGARDING:** Item for the November 12, 2024, Agenda Addendum

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Thank you

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**WHEREAS**, Pima County lost a valued member of our community on May 13, 2023, with the tragic death of Tomas Ayala, a 20-year-old with a bright future who embraced the traditional ways of his Pascua Yaqui and Navajo families, and

**WHEREAS**, Tomas Ayala was killed by a drunk driver while returning home from his job at Cup Café in downtown Tucson when the driver crossed the center line and struck his vehicle on Old Nogales Highway, just two miles from his family's home, and

**WHEREAS**, Tomas Ayala was a talented cook creating own dishes for his family when he was still in high school; and earned a job at Cup Café inside the historic Hotel Congress and dreamt of one day opening his own restaurant, and

**WHEREAS**, as a teenager, Tomas Ayala interned at the Green Valley Justice Court, working directly with Justice of the Peace Ray Carroll, and

**WHEREAS**, Tomas Ayala took pride in his heritage and found deep meaning in living out the indigenous ceremonies of his Yaqui and Navajo peoples, including as a singer in his traditional language, and

**WHEREAS**, the love for Tomas Ayala was evident at his Pascua interment ceremony, attended by over 400 people from several states that lasted from sunset to sunrise, and

**WHEREAS**, Tomas Ayala was a loving individual whose personal mantra was, "Everybody love everybody." He often reminded his family and friends, "There is so much hate in this world that we need to love everybody," and

**WHEREAS**, his parents, renowned Spanish guitar maestro Gabriel Ayala and Juanita Ayala, support the renaming project to honor his memory,

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Pima County Board of Supervisors honors the legacy of Tomas Ayala by renaming the Green Valley Justice Court's courtroom, located at 601 N. La Cañada Drive in Green Valley, the **Tomas Ayala Courtroom**.

Passed and adopted by the Pima County Board of Supervisors, this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2024.

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Adelita S. Grijalva, Chair  
Pima County Board of Supervisors

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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Clerk of the Board

  
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Deputy County Attorney