



## BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM REPORT

Requested Board Meeting Date: September 1, 2020

**Title:** Resolution for Renaming of Veterans Memorial Plaza to "Veterans Gold Star Family Park"

### Introduction/Background:

Located along the north side of Aviation Parkway near Richey Boulevard is the Veterans Memorial Plaza consisting of two parcels owned by the Pima County (Tax Code Numbers 132-04-0010 & 132-04-0020). The Plaza, including a memorial wall with flagpole and small seating area, was constructed in 2005 in conjunction with the Veterans Memorial Overpass.

### Discussion:

In 2017, the Tucson Chapter of the American Legion and VFW requested assistance with upgrades to the Plaza to increase usability and to have it designated as a Veterans Gold Star Family Park.

### Conclusion:

Upgrades have recently been completed enhancing the ability for Veterans and their families to use the facility and to facilitate renaming and designation as a Veterans Gold Star Family Park.

### Recommendation:

Staff recommends approval of the resolution renaming the Veterans Memorial Plaza to the "Veterans Gold Star Family Park" in honor of Veterans and their family members.

### Fiscal Impact:

None

### Board of Supervisor District:

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RESOLUTION NO. 2020-\_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS,  
RENAMING VETERANS MEMORIAL PLAZA TO VETERANS GOLD STAR FAMILY PARK

THE PIMA COUNTY BOARD OF SUPERVISORS FINDS:

- A. The Veterans Memorial Plaza (Plaza), along the north side of Aviation Parkway near Richey Boulevard just northwest of the Veterans Memorial Overpass, consists of two parcels owned by Pima County (Tax Code Numbers 132-04-0010 and 132-04-0020).
- B. The Plaza went underutilized because of lack of signage and accessible amenities.
- C. Pima County recently completed improvements to convert the Plaza into a useful amenity, including erosion controls, stormwater harvesting features, landscaping, irrigation system repairs, an ADA-compliant path and seating, and a viewing area in the Davis-Monthan Air Force Base flyover path.
- D. County staff and representatives of the American Patriot Memorial and the Tucson American Legion District 2, Post 36, request the rededication of the Plaza to that of a Veterans Gold Star Family Park to bring awareness and recognition for the sacrifices made by Pima County military Veterans and their families, who often go without acknowledgment.

NOW, THEREFORE, UPON MOTION DULY MADE, SECONDED AND CARRIED, BE IT RESOLVED:

- 1. The Veterans Memorial Plaza, comprised of the two lots described above, is hereby rededicated to honor Pima County's Veterans and their families and is renamed the "Veterans Gold Star Family Park."
- 2. The Deputy County Administrator for Public Works is authorized and directed to take all actions necessary to give effect to this Resolution, including the installation of appropriate signage as necessary, updating of maps and publications as appropriate, including advising the media and the community of the renaming.


PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED by the Pima County Board of Supervisors this 1<sup>st</sup> day of September, 2020.

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Ramón Valadez, Chairman

ATTEST:

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Julie Castañeda, Clerk of the Board

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

  
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Kell Olson, Deputy County Attorney