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For nearly three decades, the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center has stood as a national model of educational innovation and community transformation in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. Much of this success can be traced to the leadership and vision of Dr. Yvonne Chan, whose work helped reshape public education locally and statewide.

Dr. Yvonne Chan, a Milken Educator (1991), national citizen activist honoree, and longtime public servant, first arrived at Vaughn Street Elementary School as principal during a period marked by low academic achievement, overcrowding, and limited resources. Under her leadership, Vaughn became the first conversion charter school in California, demonstrating what is possible when families, educators, and communities are empowered to lead. Fluent in English, Chinese, and Spanish, Dr. Chan mobilized parents to rebuild the campus; launched nutrition, health, and safety programs; established a family center and community hub offering vaccinations, child care, legal aid, and job training; and led efforts to improve neighborhood conditions in response to drug activity and violence.

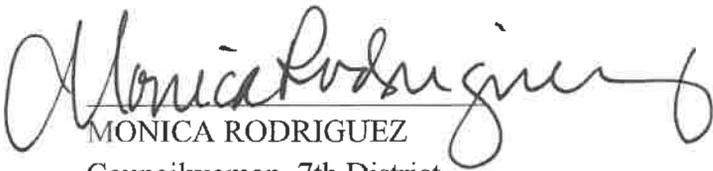
Dr. Chan’s work transformed not only a single school but an entire community’s understanding of what public education could be. Her leadership brought together families, educators, and local partners to create a model that continues to inspire schools across Los Angeles. By elevating student achievement, expanding access to family services, and fostering a sense of collective purpose, Dr. Chan helped ensure that countless children in the Northeast San Fernando Valley had pathways to opportunity that might not have existed otherwise. Her legacy remains embedded in the lives of the students she served and in the city’s ongoing commitment to educational innovation.

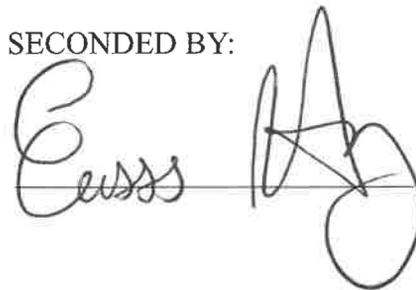
We are honored to celebrate Dr. Yvonne Chan’s remarkable contributions by naming this location in recognition of the work she began here and the many lives she has touched throughout the Northeast San Fernando Valley.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Van Nuys Boulevard and Herrick Avenue be named “Dr. Yvonne Chan Square” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to install permanent ceremonial signage at this location.

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