

MOTION

For nearly 30 years, the Vaughn Next Century Learning Center has served as a national example of community-led educational transformation in the Northeast San Fernando Valley. At the heart of this work was Anita Zepeda, whose career and leadership helped guide Vaughn’s expansion into a multi-site, cradle-to-career institution serving thousands of students.

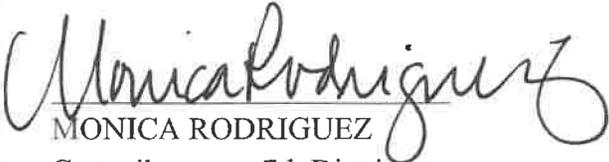
Anita Zepeda began her career 35 years ago as a classroom teacher and went on to serve in numerous instructional and administrative roles, including reading specialist, special education advisor, bilingual program coordinator, and later, Executive Director of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center. Her work helped shape the school’s instructional programs, strengthen student services, and support the development of a Pre-K through high school system recognized statewide. A dedicated bilingual educator and advocate for underserved youth, Mrs. Zepeda is remembered for her unwavering commitment to ensuring that every student felt dignity, belonging, and opportunity. She also holds a special place in the community as a beloved teacher in Council District 7, including as Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez’s third-grade teacher.

Mrs. Zepeda’s dedication to students and families helped shape the culture, spirit, and success of Vaughn Next Century Learning Center for more than three decades. Her work as an educator and administrator strengthened instructional programs, expanded services for diverse learners, and contributed to the school’s evolution into a nationally recognized institution. Through her belief in the potential of every child and her unwavering commitment to equity, she left an immeasurable imprint on generations of students and played a key role in the long-term stability and growth of the school. Her influence continues to guide the community she served so faithfully.

We are honored to celebrate Anita Zepeda’s remarkable contributions by naming this location in recognition of the work she began here and the generations of students and families she has supported in our community.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the intersection at Herrick Avenue and Paxton Street be named “Anita Zepeda Square” and that the Department of Transportation be directed to install permanent ceremonial signage at this location.

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