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Torrance Renames Community Center to Honor Ruben Ordaz

Torrance, Calif., Sept. 1, 2015 – On Tuesday, Sept. 1, the City of Torrance honored Ruben Ordaz, a community advocate and lifelong resident of the City by renaming the Community Center located at Pueblo Park as the Ruben Ordaz Community Center.

Ordaz, who died March 21 at the age of 87, was committed to the betterment of the City and the neighborhood where he lived. He had a key role in the initial development of the community center and nearby Pueblo Park. He was also instrumental in the refurbishment of Pueblo Park, which reopened to the public Dec. 14, 2014.

Ordaz lead the Pueblo Community Club, a volunteer group of local citizens that fundraised to develop the Pueblo Park Community Center in 1969. The club held Operation Pueblo, a three-day neighborhood “fiesta” from Oct. 3-5, 1969 to raise funds to build a recreation hall for the community center. More than 13,000 people in the community attended Pueblo Fiesta, and fundraising efforts were successful. The building, with a multi-purpose room and kitchen, was assembled by El Camino College students and transported to its Del Amo Boulevard site. Work was completed in five months. The Pueblo Park Recreation Center was dedicated on Feb. 27, 1971.

“Ruben Ordaz will always be remembered as the patriarch of the Pueblo Community, working tirelessly to provide recreational and community opportunities for the children in his community,” said John Jones, Community Services Director.

The newly dedicated Ruben Ordaz Community Center is located at 2252 Del Amo Blvd.

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