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## MAYOR SYLVESTER TURNER TO DEDICATE THE NEW EL PASEO DEL SEGUNDO BARRIO AT GUADALUPE PLAZA PARK

*Plaza Features Tiles and Panels Dedicated to Second Ward History and Its Trailblazing Families*

Mayor Sylvester Turner will join Council Member Karla Cisneros District H, former Council Member and Harris County Sheriff, Ed Gonzalez, Community Members, and the Houston Parks and Recreation Department to dedicate the new *El Paseo del Segundo Barrio at Guadalupe Plaza Park* at 2311 Runnels at S. Jensen Drive. The event will take place on Thursday, December 17, 2020, 1:30 p.m. *El Paseo del Segundo Barrio* features colorful interpretive tiles and panels that pay tribute to the rich history of Houston's Second Ward and many of the influential Hispanic families from the community.

"I am truly excited to present this spectacular tribute to Houston's Second Ward to our citizens," said Mayor Sylvester Turner. "Our neighborhoods and the people who live in diverse communities are among the greatest strengths of our City. As you make your way down the Latino Walkway, you will experience the remarkable history of this vibrant neighborhood and discover the stories of the men and women who sacrificed to make this a wonderful place to live."

*El Paseo del Segundo Barrio* can be translated to *the Walkway, Path, or Journey of the Second Ward*. The colorful interpretive tiles and panels were developed through various stakeholder community meetings. They feature many of the influential Hispanic families from the community, including Yolanda Black Navarro, Marcario Garcia, Ninfa Laurenzo, Felix Fraga, Jose Campos Torres, Gonzo 247, and many others.

"This project is a powerful example of how the Parks Department can make neighborhoods and communities proud," said Kenneth Allen, Interim Director, Houston Parks and Recreation Department. "To visit *El Paseo del Segundo Barrio* is to stroll through Houston's Second Ward history and see, touch, and feel the spirit of folks who only wanted the best for our City."

The total cost for the project with design and construction was \$122,500. The project was funded through Park and Recreation Dedication funds and District H Council Member Karla Cisneros Office and former Council Member and now Harris County Sheriff Ed Gonzalez. White Oak Studios and Minor Design were tapped to design the panels. Dr. Natalie Garza conducted historical research.

*The Houston Parks and Recreation Department (H.P.A.R.D.) stewards and manages 380 parks and over 39,501 acres of parkland and greenspace for the City of Houston and develops and implements recreational programming for citizens of all ages and abilities. For more information on the Houston Parks and Recreation Department, call (832) 395-7022 or visit [www.houstonparks.org](http://www.houstonparks.org).*