

CITY OF COACHELLA
CALIFORNIA

Proclamation

WHEREAS, Librado “Lee” Espinoza was born in La Piedad, Michocan, Mexico; and

WHEREAS, at 19, he married June Moreno, who lived next door, and they raised three sons and a daughter; and

WHEREAS, while raising his family, Lee has dedicated most of his life to managing and training fighters battling for world titles; and

WHEREAS, the Coachella Valley Boxing Club had its humble beginnings in a cramped single room in Indio. It later moved to the former fire station next to Coachella City Hall in 1985, and then in 1996, moved to its current location at Bagdouma Park in Coachella; and

WHEREAS, Lee trains local youth in the art of boxing, while also teaching the character traits required to form the foundation of a successful career, such as discipline, determination, good health practices and mental focus. And, under Lee’s guidance, exceptional talent, such as Pancho Segura, Sandra Yard, Randy Caballero and four brothers – Joel, Jesus, Antonio and Julio Diaz – from Coachella, have been discovered; and

WHEREAS, in March 2005, Lee Espinoza was inducted into the California Boxing Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, following the Club’s second expansion project, on October 17, 2012, the City celebrated the renaming and unveiling of the Lee Espinoza Coachella Valley Boxing Club; and

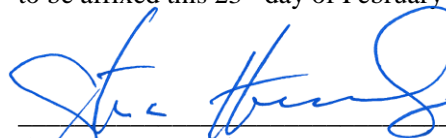
WHEREAS, in 2020, it was announced that Lee Espinoza was inducted into the West Coast Boxing Hall of Fame, with the event delayed due to the Coronavirus Pandemic until October 2021. The event honored him with the Cleto Reyes Boxing Glove Award and Plaque honoring years of dedicated service as a trainer and mentor along with his impact to the sport of boxing.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor of the City of Coachella, by the power vested in me, do hereby congratulate

Lee Espinoza

For his induction into the West Coast Boxing Hall of Fame and further urge all citizen of the City of Coachella to join me in honoring him for his dedication to this community.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 23rd day of February 2022.



Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor
City of Coachella, California

