

WHEREAS, Luis Lopez began his work in Development and Planning in 1987 with the City of Pomona, California as a Planning Technician. He took an Assistant Planner job with the City of Pasadena in the Zoning Administration team in 1990, and in 1999 was promoted to Senior Planner with the City of Indio where he worked for six years; and

WHEREAS, in 2005, he worked for Lennar Homes as a project manager, and did consulting work for Hogle-Ireland, Inc. in Riverside until joining the Planning Division in the City of Coachella on April 29, 2008, eventually serving as the Development Services Director; and

WHEREAS, Luis was privileged to be part of the staff leadership that worked on major projects in the Eastern Coachella Valley, including Sun City Shadow Hills, Terra Lago, Polo Resorts, La Entrada, and Vista Del Agua. He oversaw the City of Coachella's Comprehensive General Plan Update that included the first Community Health & Wellness Element amongst all the Coachella Valley cities' General Plan documents; and

WHEREAS, Luis holds a Bachelor's Degree in Urban & Regional Planning from Cal Poly Pomona, with postgraduate degrees from Cal State San Bernardino and Taft Law School; and

WHEREAS, Luis was raised in Mecca, California during the early 1970's and frequently visited Wilmington, California as a child to visit his grandmother and older cousins, which he credits as the reasons for his love of cities and rock and roll music; and

WHEREAS, Luis lives in Beaumont, California with his wife Claudia and they enjoy spending time with their friends and family, especially their two daughters and six grandchildren; and

WHEREAS, on June 29, 2021, Luis retired from the City of Coachella and he is looking forward to having more time to play music, do home improvements, and travel abroad.

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

Luis Lopez

and urge all citizens of the City of Coachella in recognizing his many successes and congratulate him on his retirement.

IN WITNESS HEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the official seal of the City of Coachella, California to be affixed this 14th day of July 2021.

Steven A. Hernandez, Mayor City of Coachella, California