

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY FIFTH COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-23-111 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Klarissa J. Peña, Louie Sanchez, Trudy Jones

1 RESOLUTION

2 NAMING THE PILLAR ADJACENT TO THE AUXILIARY STAGE ON THE WEST
3 END OF CIVIC PLAZA AS THE “KEN SANCHEZ PILLAR OF THE COMMUNITY”
4 IN HONOR OF THE LATE CITY COUNCILOR KEN SANCHEZ FOR HIS
5 DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT TO OUR GREAT CITY AS AN
6 ALBUQUERQUE CITY COUNCILOR, BERNALILLO COUNTY COMMISSIONER
7 AND COMMUNITY LEADER.

8 WHEREAS, Ken Sanchez was born and raised in the city of Albuquerque
9 and was honored to serve his community as a Bernalillo County
10 Commissioner from 1995 to 2002 and as Albuquerque’s District 1 City
11 Councilor from 2005 to 2020. He also served as Council President three times
12 and as Vice President once, as well as serving on many other boards.
13 Councilor Ken Sanchez was dedicated to his community as a true statesman
14 who embodied true and honest public service; and

15 WHEREAS, Civic Plaza was built in 1974 to host outdoor events in the
16 heart of Albuquerque and is the largest public space in the center of
17 downtown, with a sizable performance stage set to entertain up to 20,000
18 people; and

19 WHEREAS, City Councilor Ken Sanchez sponsored the first Angel Tree
20 Lighting celebration with the Guardians of the Children in 2016 and continued
21 to sponsor this important event until his passing in 2020. This celebration
22 honors the lives of our community’s youth that have been lost to violence and
23 abuse by adding an ornament to a Christmas tree with each of their names;
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25 WHEREAS, The Angel Tree Lighting celebrated its 7th annual event in
26 December 2022 on Civic Plaza at the existing auxiliary stage and it will

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1 continue to be celebrated with the hopes that we no longer have to add any
2 more names of our youth to the tree; and

3 WHEREAS, Councilor Ken Sanchez believed in our youth and what their
4 role is in our community, and how they will take on future roles as elected
5 officials, teachers, parents, and others while contributing to our great city. The
6 City Council, with the support of Mayor Tim Keller, desires to recognize Ken
7 Sanchez for his tireless dedication and work for the citizens of Albuquerque.

8 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
9 ALBUQUERQUE:

10 Section 1: The pillar adjacent to the auxiliary stage on the west side of
11 Civic Plaza shall be named the “Ken Sanchez Pillar of the Community” in
12 honor of his distinguished public service and dedication to the City of
13 Albuquerque, and the State of New Mexico.

14 Section 2: A plaque will be purchased and paid for by the Albuquerque City
15 Council to be placed on the pillar next to auxiliary stage identifying it as the
16 “Ken Sanchez Pillar of the Community”.

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