

CITY of ALBUQUERQUE

TWENTY-THIRD COUNCIL

COUNCIL BILL NO. R-19-182 ENACTMENT NO. _____

SPONSORED BY: Ken Sanchez and Trudy Jones

1 RESOLUTION

2 RENAMING THE ALBUQUERQUE REGIONAL SPORTS COMPLEX AS THE
3 JENNIFER RIORDAN SPARK KINDNESS SPORTS COMPLEX IN HONOR OF
4 JENNIFER RIORDAN, A BASEBALL MOM, VOLLEYBALL MOM AND
5 COMMUNITY ADVOCATE IN THE CITY OF ALBUQUERQUE, WHO BELIEVED
6 AND EXHIBITED BEING KIND, LOVING, CARING AND SHARING.

7 WHEREAS, The Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex is a venue of which
8 Jennifer Riordan and her family were a great part during the planning and
9 design of the baseball complex, the venue's first phase. It is a place where
10 Jennifer planned on spending many of her weekends watching her young son
11 and daughter play baseball; and

12 WHEREAS, On November 22, 2017 the grand opening of the sports
13 complex was celebrated with Alex Bregman of the Houston Astros, former
14 COO Michael Riordan, his wife Jennifer Riordan and their young son and
15 daughter, many elected officials and community members of Albuquerque;
16 and

17 WHEREAS, Jennifer Riordan believed in the potential of every young
18 individual and took the time to help everyone she encountered; and

19 WHEREAS, Jennifer Riordan graduated from the University of New Mexico
20 and strived in a career for more than two decades in community relations and
21 communications. She was vice president for community relations at Wells
22 Fargo and volunteered her time with a number of area nonprofit groups and
23 boards. In 2015 she was appointed by the Governor to a board focused on
24 boosting volunteerism statewide and in 2015 was presented the Bill Daniels
25 Award for Ethical Young Leadership by the Samaritan Counseling Ethics in
26 Business Awards; and

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1 WHEREAS, because of the love Jennifer Riordan had for her family, her
2 community and future generations and her passion for baseball and keeping
3 kids active and out of trouble, she helped guide children as well as adults to
4 do their best and spark kindness in doing so to achieve success for
5 themselves as well as everyone with whom they worked; and

6 WHEREAS, The Jennifer Riordan Foundation continues Jennifer’s spirit “to
7 be kind, loving, caring and sharing” with the goal to make Albuquerque the
8 kindness capital of the world; and

9 WHEREAS, in order to recognize Jennifer Riordan’s belief in being kind,
10 loving, caring and sharing, the City Council with great honor, is pleased to
11 rename the “Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex” the “Jennifer Riordan
12 Spark Kindness Sports Complex” in honor of the values Jennifer stood for
13 and instilled in her children and the many other children and community
14 members with whom she worked and assisted throughout her life.

15 BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL, THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF
16 ALBUQUERQUE:

17 Section 1. The Albuquerque Regional Sports Complex is hereby named
18 the “Jennifer Riordan Spark Kindness Sports Complex” in honor of the values
19 Jennifer stood for and instilled in her children and so many community
20 members.

21 Section 2. The City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department is
22 hereby directed to sign the sports complex the “Jennifer Riordan Spark
23 Kindness Sports Complex” and to amend, as quickly as is reasonable,
24 applicable City maps or lists to reflect the name change.

25 Section 3. The City of Albuquerque Parks and Recreation Department is
26 directed to work with the Jennifer Riordan Foundation to plan a renaming
27 ceremony that will honor the work and gifts Jennifer brought to our
28 community.

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