



# UNITED INDEPENDENT SCHOOL DISTRICT AGENDA ACTION ITEM

**TOPIC** Discussion/Action: Waive Local Policy CW to name USHS Rifle Range as "Tomas M. Rodriguez, Jr. JROTC Rifle Range"

**SUBMITTED BY:** Pat Campos, Juan A. Molina & Ricardo Molina **OF:** Board Members

**APPROVED FOR TRANSMITTAL TO SCHOOL BOARD:** November 18, 2010

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the United ISD Board of Trustees approve Discussion/Action: Waive Local Policy CW to name USHS Rifle Range as "Tomas M. Rodriguez, Jr. JROTC Rifle Range".

**RATIONALE:**

**BUDGETARY INFORMATION**

**BOARD POLICY REFERENCE AND COMPLIANCE**

## MEMORANDUM

DATE: 5 March 2010  
FROM: Senior Marine Instructor  
TO: Superintendent, United Independent School District  
VIA: (1) Principal, United South High School  
  
SUBJ: **RIFLE RANGE DEDICATION**

**Introduction:** The Marine Corps is rich with history and tradition of remembering and honoring our past warriors. We take great pride in maintaining the bond between Marines of yesterday and the Marines of today; in our case, future leaders of our country. Our intent is to establish and reconnect with our predecessors who made history and link them to our future leaders. United South High School, MCJROTC wish begin a process of paying tribute by dedicating our *classrooms, conference room, media center, obstacle course, and rifle range* to local leaders in the community who are Marines.

**Discussion:** It is our desire to dedicate our rifle range to Mr. Tomas Rodriguez and thus rename it "**Tomas Rodriguez Rifle Range.**" He is the current City of Laredo Water Supervisor, retired Marine, and strong supporter of our MCJROTC program since the program began in 1996. Mr. Rodriguez began his Marine Corps career in 1962. After attending the officer course and MOS training, he was subsequently deployed to the Republic of Vietnam. During this tour he received the Bronze Star with "V" for valorous actions, Navy/Marine Corps Commendation Medal with "V", two Purple Hearts, Combat Action Ribbon, Navy Presidential Unit Citation, National Defense Service Medal, Vietnam Service Medal, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, and Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal. A photo, plaque, and small citation will be secured to the outside wall of the entrance of the rifle range.

**Conclusion:** Mr. Rodriguez, through his service to the country, continuous and unflinching support to our MCJROTC program and other community events, he is well deserving of this honor and we request permission to proceed with planning. Once approved a date will be secured, sequence of events finalized, guest list submitted and appropriate media coverage arranged. This small token of our appreciation cannot repay Mr. Rodriguez for all he has contributed to the country, our Marine Corps, local community, and our MCJROTC program from his example, cadets will be influenced. We anxiously await your decision.

Respectfully

*Ray C. Fullard*

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SgtMaj USMC (Ret)

NEW FACILITIES

CW  
(LOCAL)

NAMING

In naming a school facility, the Board may consider naming the following:

1. A single building campus.
2. A portion of a building.
3. A single building on a campus with multiple buildings.
4. A specific area on a campus.

CRITERIA

The school facility may be named for a deceased person, provided the name has a special significance and/or the person has made an outstanding contribution to the school or the District. In choosing names for school facilities, the Board shall consider the following criteria:

1. The person's contribution in the field of education.
2. The person's unusual contribution to the civic life of the community, state, or nation.
3. Esteem with which the person was held by the people in the community, state, or nation.
4. Recommendation by an individual, family, or organization who has donated property or money for the construction of a school facility.

PROCEDURES

The intent to form a committee to name a school facility shall be publicized and nominations of names shall be solicited through available media sources from all facets of the District's community, including students, teachers, staff, parents, and patrons. Each name submitted to the committee shall be accompanied by a written rationale and/or description of the named person's accomplishments. Nominations shall be submitted on a form provided by the District. [See CW(EXHIBIT)]

The Board shall implement the following procedures:

1. The President of the Board shall appoint a committee comprised of:
  - a. Two Board members.
  - b. Two community members from the area where the school is located.
  - c. The campus principal of the school facility being named or a principal from another District campus.
  - d. Two community members at-large (not from the area where the school is located).

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- e. Two students who are or who will be attending the school facility.
  - f. One district office administrator.
2. The appointed committee shall forward to the Board its recommendation for three possible names. The following information is requested to be included with the recommendation:
    - a. The names of the individuals being recommended.
    - b. The rationale/justification for the recommended names, including significant contributions to the community, state, or nation and/or education.
    - c. A vita or history of the recommended individuals.
  3. In a regular public meeting, the Board shall name the school facility from the names submitted by the committee.