

Public Hearing Naming of the Rialto Habitat Nature Center to

June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center



January 14, 2025
City Council Meeting

Background

Naming Parks and other City Facilities

- Approved January 24, 2012
- Parks, Recreating & Community Services Department submits a staff report
- Council makes the final determination

Policy Criteria

- November 12, 2024, City Council meeting, Councilmember recommended the naming for Council Consideration
- December 10, 2024, City Council item requesting setting a public hearing for January 14, 2025





Dr. June Hayes

- Elected to the San Bernardino Valley Municipal Water District in 2016, re-elected in 2020, and again in 2024.
 - Represented Division I
- A lifelong resident and
- dedicated advocate for Rialto
 - Helped shape San Bernardino Valley's future, solidifying its position as a leader in watershed resilience.
- Served as Vice Chair of the Rialto Utilities Commission (1995 until October 2024)





Mayor Deborah Roberson

- A Rialto resident since 1988
 - Rialto Airport Commissioner
 - Budget Oversight Advisory Committee Member
- Elected as Rialto's Mayor in 2012, 2016 and 2020.
 - Leader in municipal innovation, environmental sustainability, economic development, and equity.
- Appointed to the Environmental Protection Agency Local Government Advisory Committee in 2021
- Served 12 years on the Rialto City Council
- Represented Rialto and Fontana on the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) Regional Council since 2002



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- City-owned property
 - to the Rialto Wastewater Treatment Plant.
- 10 acres of open water, vegetation, and wetland habitat.
- Improve the quality of life for residents of Rialto.
- Design includes:
 - pedestrian trails
 - Open space
 - Educational environmental programming.



Recommendation

Staff recommends that the City Council open a public hearing to receive community feedback and discuss and approve the naming of the Rialto Habitat Nature Center to the “June Hayes and Deborah Robertson Habitat Nature Center”.

