



CITY OF TEMPE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Council Meeting Date: 06/09/2016
Agenda Item: 5C2

ACTION: Adopt a resolution approving the naming of the John Gannon Literacy Center within the Tempe Public Library. (Resolution No. R2016.55)

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution No. R2016.55.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION: The naming request is being submitted by Robert Lashua, John's life partner, on behalf of John's family, friends and colleagues and as a memorial to honor John's commitment to the Tempe Library and the children of Tempe. Mr. Lashua has commitments for donations for constructing the literacy center project and would begin formal acceptance of donations and commence with formal fundraising if the naming request is approved by Council.

John Gannon was a Library Specialist for more than 30 years with the Tempe Library. Tragically, he passed away just days before his retirement in July 2015. John was a devoted Library employee who was passionate about the value of libraries. He worked in nearly every area of the Library during his career and was a favorite among adults and children.

At the April 6, 2016, regular meeting of the History Museum and Library Advisory Board, consideration was given to a request to create a literacy center within the youth library at the Tempe Public Library with private funds and name the center after John A. Gannon. After discussion and questions to the lead donor, the Board unanimously recommended and approved the request as submitted.

ATTACHMENTS: Resolution, Naming Request Application, and History Museum and Library Advisory Board minutes dated April 6, 2016.

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