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City Council Presentation for Honorary Naming Motion

Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr.

January 22, 2026



Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr. – Honorary Naming

City Council Motion 25-19443

That Staff be requested to return with a presentation regarding the request for a street renaming to honor the late Tony Garcia, Jr. (Viera-Maniscalso)

- Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr. meets the criteria for consideration for honorary naming of a City Street per Ordinance 2023-63, Section 2-828 (A)(2), (4), (6), and (7).**

Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr. – Honorary Naming

Honoree Background

- For more than 35 years, **Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr.** served as Executive Director of the **USO in Tampa**, where he dedicated his life to supporting military men and women.
- A proud veteran of **World War II and the Korean War**, Mr. Garcia brought warmth and hospitality to countless service members, welcoming celebrities such as Bob Hope, Shirley Temple, and Jimmy Stewart to entertain the troops.



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Honoree Background

- A beloved community leader, Mr. Garcia was deeply committed to **West Tampa’s** revival, serving as **Executive Director of the West Tampa Chamber of Commerce**, **Executive Director of the Latin American Fiesta**, and a champion of the **Hillsborough Education Foundation**. He also helped preserve the historic **Centro Español building** and served on the boards of the **Tampa Urban League** and **Tampa United Fund**.



Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr. – Mobility Department’s Recommendation

- An honorary street naming sign (SNS) to be installed at the **northwest corner of N. Howard Avenue and W. Cherry Street.**
- The location is adjacent to a **pedestrian crosswalk on N. Howard Ave**, the **Centro Español building**, and would be seen by many pedestrians from the community at large.



Anthony “Tony” Garcia, Jr. – Mobility Department’s Recommendation

- A double sided “**Tony Garcia Jr**” street naming sign (SNS).
- A SNS consisting of a black legend and border on a white background.

SNS Example

