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Council Meeting Date:                      January 3, 2005	Department ID Number:                      PD-05-001

**CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH  
REQUEST FOR ACTION**

**SUBMITTED TO:** HONORABLE MAYOR/CHAIRMAN AND CITY COUNCIL MEMBERS/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY MEMBERS

**SUBMITTED BY:** DR. *Penelope Culbreth Graft* CITY ADMINISTRATOR/EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

**PREPARED BY:** KENNETH W. SMALL, CHIEF OF POLICE *K Small*

**SUBJECT:** ADOPT RESOLUTION 2005-3 OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PROVIDING FOR THE CHANGE OF THE STREET NAME ALCALA DRIVE TO VELETA DRIVE

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Statement of Issue, Funding Source, Recommended Action, Alternative Action(s), Analysis, Environmental Status, Attachment(s)

**Statement of Issue:**

The Huntington Beach Police Department is recommending the renaming of Alcala Drive to Veleta Drive in the new housing tract off of Pacific View Drive, which is the street in front of the Hilton and the Hyatt Resort, tract 9580, grid 462. The Police Department is requesting the name change, as this particular name is associated with a horrific murder that occurred over 25 year ago in Huntington Beach.

**Funding Source:**

Any costs associated with changing the street sign can be absorbed in the existing fiscal year 2004-2005 Police Department budget. The identified cost is related to changing the one street sign and is estimated to be \$26.00.

**Recommended Action:**

Motion TO ADOPT Resolution No. 2005-3 "A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach Providing for the Change of the Street Name of Alcala Drive to Veleta Drive."

# REQUEST FOR COUNCIL/REDEVELOPMENT AGENCY ACTION

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## Alternative Action(s):

Do not adopt Resolution 2005-3 of the City Council of the City of the Huntington Beach Providing for the Change of the Street Name of Alcalá Drive to Veleta Drive and retain the current street name.

## Analysis:

The Police Department initiated the request for the name change of Alcalá Drive to Veleta Drive. The request is related to a murder that occurred in 1979. On June 20, 1979, Rodney Alcalá kidnapped, raped and murdered 12-year-old Huntington Beach resident, Robin Samsøe. Alcalá, a convicted serial killer, was tried and convicted at his first trial. Due to complex legal circumstances, he has been granted two additional trials since his original conviction. The Huntington Beach Police Department is currently preparing for the third trial, which is due to begin very soon.

The family of Robin Samsøe has had to live with this tragedy for over twenty-five years. Their grief is amplified not only due to the repeated trials, but also because a new street in Huntington Beach has been named Alcalá Drive. Although the naming of this street has no relationship to the 1979 crime, it is still difficult for the family to know a street bears the name of the suspect. Alcalá Drive is located less than one mile from the current residence of the Samsøe family and the location where the victim was last seen alive. Specifically, the street is located in the Sea Cove Condominium Development, which is across from the Hyatt Resort and Spa. Alcalá Drive is located in a phase of the development that is not occupied, but is expected to be in the near future.

The name change of Alcalá Drive to Veleta Drive will allow the family of Robin Samsøe to gain some closure to the tragedy that has been prolonged by the repeated court trials and it will remove the association of a Huntington Beach street to Orange County's most notorious serial killer. The developer, the Fire Department and the Police Department, have agreed to the alternate name. No other parties are affected by the name change.

Environmental Status: N/A

## Attachment(s):

City Clerk's Page Number	No.	Description
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	2	Grid Map

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**ATTACHMENT # 1**

RESOLUTION NO. 2005-3

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
CITY OF HUNTINGTON BEACH PROVIDING FOR THE  
CHANGE OF THE STREET NAME OF ALCALA DRIVE  
TO VELETA DRIVE

WHEREAS, the Police Department is requesting a street name change from Alcala Drive to Veleta Drive; and

Resolution No. 2390 authorizes the Fire Department to review street name changes and make recommendations to the City Council for approval; and

The Fire Chief has reviewed the request and recommends that the street name of Alcala Drive be changed to Veleta Drive; and

This change is in keeping with the City's Master Street Designation Plan,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach does hereby change Alcala Drive to Veleta Drive.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the City Clerk is hereby directed to forward a copy of this resolution to various public agencies including the Board of Supervisors of the County of Orange, pursuant to Government Code §34092.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Huntington Beach at a regular meeting thereof held on the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2004.

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Mayor

REVIEWED AND APPROVED:

*Renee Cullerton*  
City Administrator

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

*Jennifer M. Guthrie* *KC 12/14/04*  
City Attorney

INITIATED AND APPROVED:

*Kevin A.*  
Police Chief

REVIEWED AND APPROVED

*Luanne Olson* *12/14/04*  
Fire Chief

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**ATTACHMENT # 2**

