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DEDICATION OF THE GILBERT ESCANDÓN JIMÉNEZ TRAIL AT SENTINEL PEAK PARK

On Wednesday, November 21st at 1 p.m. the Sentinel Ridge Trail will be re-named the Gilbert Escandón Jiménez Trail. There will be three trail signs installed along the trail to identify it. Councilor Regina Romero, the Southern Arizona Hiking Club and the Menlo Park Neighborhood Association led the charge to collect 500 signatures to rename the Sentinel Ridge Trail to the Gilbert Escandón Jiménez Trail.

Mr. Jiménez and his wife Beatriz have lived in Menlo Park for 57 years and raised their 5 children there. Mr. Jiménez has been a member and trail hike leader for the Southern Arizona Hiking Club for 50 years. He was born in Tucson on April 26, 1926 and has hiked with his dad and grandfather for 50 years on Sentinel Peak trails. Gilbert Jiménez is a World War II Veteran. He has done volunteer trail maintenance on all the trails on the mountain for years; even at the age of 86 he has still been found walking up the trail doing maintenance.

Additionally, the City of Tucson will be celebrating the start of construction for an ADA (Americans with Disabilities Act) accessible trail from the Park's upper parking lot to a new overlook located on the south side of Sentinel Peak. Included with this project are handicap parking improvements to the upper parking lot, a new trailhead plaza with interpretive graphics and park information signage, the ADA accessible trail, and a small plaza overlooking the Santa Cruz Valley with seating, interpretive graphics, and a shade Ramada. Also included in this project is miscellaneous directional signage for the existing hiking trails in the park (including the Gilbert Jimenez trail) and the construction of a new park identification monument at the corner of Congress Street and Cuesta Avenue.

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