



BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Requested Board Meeting Date: 9/9/08

ITEM SUMMARY, JUSTIFICATION AND/OR SPECIAL CONSIDERTIONS.

Request to rename the Starr Pass East Trailhead as Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead

CONTRACT NUMBER (if applicable): Not Applicable

STAFF RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends the approval of the renaming request.

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PIMA COUNTY COSTS: \$0.00 and/or REVENUE TO PIMA COUNTY: \$0.00

FUNDING SOURCE(S): Not Applicable
(eg. General Fund, State Grant Fund, Federal Fund, Stadium D. Fund, etc.)

Advertised Public Hearing:

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Board of Supervisors District:

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IMPACT:

IF APPROVED:

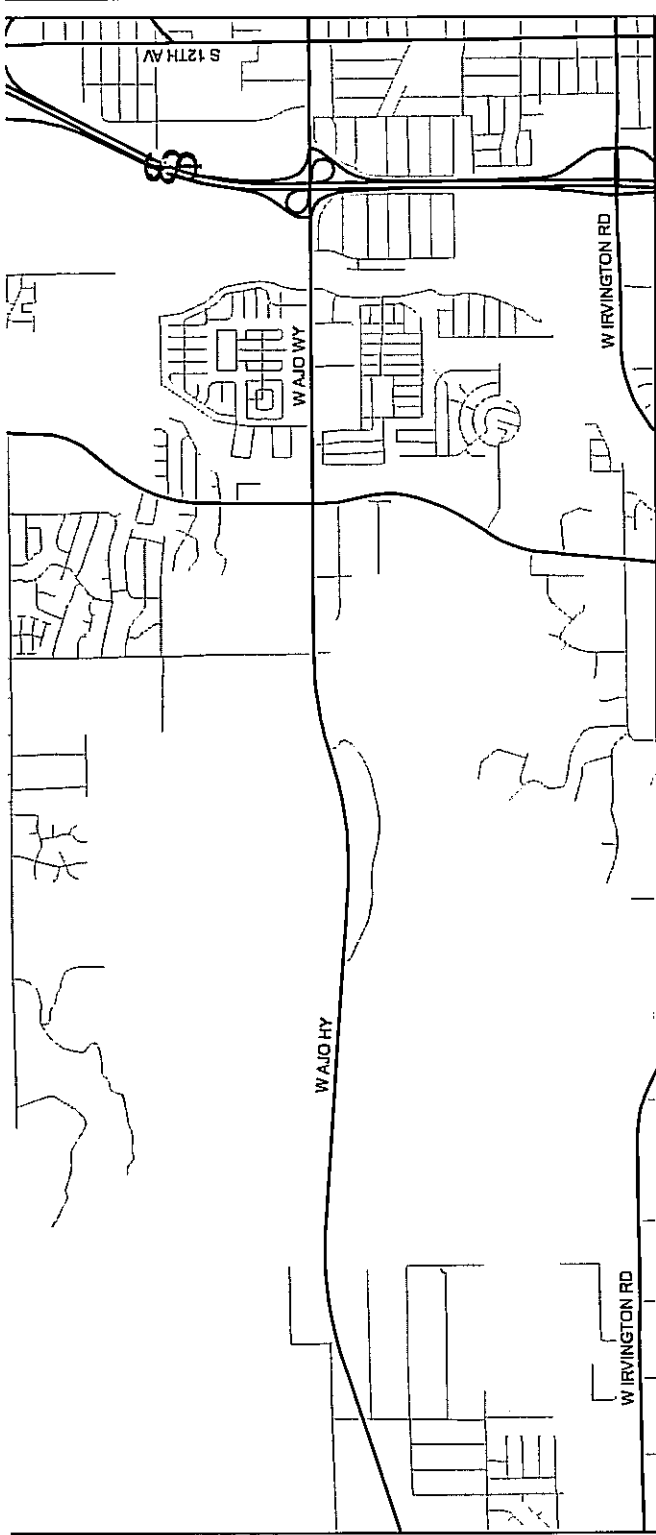
The Starr Pass East Trailhead will be called Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead.

IF DENIED:

Starr Pass East Trailhead will retain its name; however, there could be some lobbying before the Board of Supervisors for denying the request.

DEPARTMENT NAME: Natural Resources, Parks & Recreation

CONTACT PERSON: Rafael Payan TELEPHONE NO. 877-6209



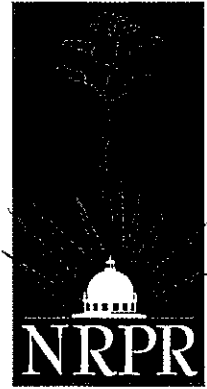
**Proposed Richard E. Genser
Starr Pass Trailhead**




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M E M O R A N D U M
Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department



TO: The Honorable Members of the Pima County Board of Supervisors

FROM: Rafael Payan, Director 

DATE: August 13, 2008

SUBJECT: Renaming the Starr Pass Trailhead for Rich E. Genser

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**Background**

Mr. Richard E. Genser, who passed away on February 28, 2008, was a lifelong member of the Sierra Club and served the organization in several important capacities. He was the chair of Sierra Club's Grand Canyon Chapter and its Rincon Group in southern Arizona for many years. He spearheaded the establishment of the Coalition for Sonoran Desert Protection and was the organization's long-time chairman. As such, Mr. Genser was instrumental in promoting Pima County's Sonoran Desert Conservation Plan. His passion to protect and preserve the environment played a key role in the efforts to "Save the Scenic Santa Ritas" from mining threats, a threat that has not yet been extinguished.

**Report**

The Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department received a request from the members of the Sierra Club Rincon Group to name one of Pima County's trailheads in recognition of Mr. Genser's outstanding environmental leadership and community efforts. The Parks and Recreation Commission, at its meeting on August 1, 2008, unanimously approved the attached resolution for the renaming of the Starr Pass East Trailhead as the Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead.

**Recommendation**

I respectfully recommend to the Pima County Board of Supervisors the approval of the attached resolution naming the Starr Pass East Trailhead as the Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead.

RP:SA:gt

Atch.: As stated.

cc: C. H. Huckelberry, County Administrator

  
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RESOLUTION 2008 - \_\_\_\_\_

A RESOLUTION OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF PIMA COUNTY AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF THE STARR PASS EAST TRAILHEAD AS THE RICHARD E. GENSER STARR PASS TRAILHEAD

WHEREAS, Richard E. Genser, a longtime resident of Pima County, was a dedicated advocate of environmental protection in Pima County and the State of Arizona, and served the Sierra Club in a variety of important leadership capacities for many years; and

WHEREAS, Pima County and the State of Arizona benefitted considerably as a result of his dedication and many years of volunteer work and leadership in the field of environmental advocacy and protection, which earned him the respect of the communities he served; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County recognizes that Richard E. Genser was an active and successful protector of the environment as well as an outstanding and highly accomplished community leader; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County finds that Richard E. Genser is exceptionally worthy of recognition and wishes to rename the Starr Pass East Trailhead the "Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead" in his honor;

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board of Supervisors of Pima County hereby resolves that:

The Starr Pass East Trailhead is hereby renamed as the "Richard E. Genser Starr Pass Trailhead," and the Pima County Natural Resources, Parks and Recreation Department is hereby authorized and directed to take the actions necessary to give effect to this resolution, including the installation of new signage at the trailhead and on the roadways leading to the trailhead, to update maps and publications as appropriate, and to advise the media and the community of the renaming and the reasons for this action.

PASSED, ADOPTED, AND APPROVED by the Board of Supervisors of Pima County this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2008.

PIMA COUNTY

APPROVED AS TO FORM

\_\_\_\_\_  
Chairman of the Board of Supervisors

  
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Deputy County Attorney

ATTEST

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Clerk of the Board of Supervisors