

ATTACHMENT #2
RESOLUTION NO. 2025-__

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN
WELLS, CALIFORNIA, ADOPTING THE EISENHOWER WALK OF
HONOR RESIDENT ELIGIBILITY REQUIREMENTS**

WHEREAS, the Walk of Honor stands as a lasting tribute to all the men and women who served in the United States Armed Forces; and

WHEREAS, each year, during the Veteran's Day Ceremony, new names are added to the wall, ensuring that the sacrifices and service of local veterans are permanently honored and remembered by the community; and

WHEREAS, eligibility for inclusion in the Walk of Honor required official recognition as a veteran by the Department of Veterans Affairs and fulfillment of the City's minimum residency requirement; and

WHEREAS, in keeping with the City of Indian Wells' enduring commitment to honoring all who have served, the Walk of Honor will continue to evolve in an alignment with federal standards for veteran recognition; and

WHEREAS, this inclusive approach ensures that all individuals who have served honorably in the United States Armed Forces are acknowledge for their dedication and sacrifice, preserving their legacy within our community for generations to come.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, DETERMINED AND ORDERED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDIAN WELLS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The City Council hereby **ADOPTS** Resolution.

SECTION 2. The City Council hereby **ADOPTS** the Eisenhower Walk of Honor Resident Eligibility Requirements set forth in Exhibit "A" attached hereto and incorporated herein by reference.

SECTION 3. This Resolution shall take effect upon adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Indian Wells, California, at a special meeting held on this 2nd day of July 2025.

BRUCE WHITMAN
MAYOR

CERTIFICATION FOR RESOLUTION NO. 2025-____

I, Angelica Avila, City Clerk of the City of Indian Wells, California, **DO HEREBY CERTIFY** that the whole number of the members of the City Council is five (5); that the above and foregoing Resolution was duly and regularly passed and adopted at a special meeting of the City Council of the City of Indian Wells on the 2nd day of July, 2025, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ATTEST:

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ANGELICA AVILA
CITY CLERK

TODD LEISHMAN FOR
BEST, BEST & KRIEGER
CITY ATTORNEY

Exhibit "A"
EISENHOWER WALK OF HONOR
REQUIREMENTS AND POLICY GUIDELINES

PURPOSE: The Eisenhower Walk of Honor is a distinguished tribute established by the City of Indian Wells to recognize and honor the men and women who have served in the United States Armed Forces. This memorial reflects the City's deep appreciation for the sacrifices and service of its veteran residents, both living and deceased. Honorees are recognized annually during the Veterans Day Ceremony, and their names are permanently inscribed on the granite Walls of Honor at the Eisenhower Walk of Honor and Veterans Memorial.

ELIBILITY CRITERIA: To ensure consistency with federal standards and to honor all eligible individuals who have served the United States with distinction, the following eligibility criteria shall apply for inclusion on the Eisenhower Walk of Honor:

1. Veteran Status and Federal Definition: Eligibility requirements for inclusion are categories of veterans that are identified by the federal government onto the wall. 38 U.S.C. Sec. 101(2) defines "veteran" as a person who served in the active military, naval or air service, and who was discharged or released therefrom under conditions other than dishonorable.
2. Residency Requirement: Must have been a resident of the City of Indian Wells for a minimum of one year, either currently or in the past.

APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS: Applicants or their representatives must submit a completed Eisenhower Walk of Honor Application for Inclusion, along with the following supporting documentation:

- **Proof of Residency:** Acceptable documents include, but are not limited to:
 - Indian Wells Property Owner Identification Card
 - Utility bill showing name and Indian Wells address
 - Other official documentation verifying residency in Indian Wells for a minimum of one year
- **Proof of Military Service:** Acceptable documents include:
 - DD214 discharge papers
 - Military identification card
 - VA benefits documentation
 - Official correspondence from the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs confirming veteran status

REVIEW AND APPROVAL PROCESS: All submitted materials will be reviewed by City staff to ensure compliance with the program's eligibility standards.

- **City Staff Review:** Staff will verify that all application materials are complete and meet the established criteria.
- **Notification:** Applicants will be contacted if additional information or clarification is required.
- **Final Determination:** Inclusion decisions are made based on the applicant's fulfillment of all eligibility requirements. Approved names will be scheduled for engraving and recognition at the next Veterans Day Ceremony.