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Annette Cardona Charles Square

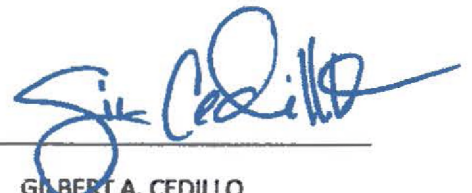
In 1978 the movie "Grease" was released to critical acclaim. A musical film starring John Travolta and Olivia Newton-John, Grease told the story of a whirlwind teenage romance set against the backdrop of high school, greaser gangs, and street races.

Also appearing in Grease was a 30-year old Annette Charles, playing Cha-Cha Di Gregorio, the girlfriend of a rival greaser gang. Born Annette Cardona on March 5, 1948, Annette grew up and lived in Cypress Park her whole life, and almost missed her chance at stardom when she debated passing on auditioning for the role of Cha-Cha. The role made Annette famous, leading to a film career that stretched all the way to 2009.

Even after her role in Grease, Annette always sought to give back to the community that raised her, becoming a professor of speech and interpersonal communication at California State University, Northridge's Chicano Studies Department in 2002. Her students speak of her key role in helping them find their place in the world, giving them the confidence to become the leaders of tomorrow.

I THEREFORE MORE that the City Council designate the intersection of Avenue 26 and Jeffries Avenue as "Annette Cardona Charles Square" and that the Department of Transportation be directed to fabricate and install appropriate ceremonial signs to this effect at this location.

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