

MOTION

Vicente Fernández was born in Huentitán el Alto, Jalisco, Mexico in 1940. "Chente" as he was lovingly known by his millions of fans, was an internationally renowned legend of Mariachi music and an icon of Mexican culture both at home and here in the United States.

Throughout his long and storied career, he recorded 50 albums, sold more than 65 million records and appeared in more than 35 films. He was also the recipient of countless awards including three Grammys and eight Latin Grammys. His contributions to music and culture have been recognized throughout the world, including right here in Los Angeles on the Historic Hollywood Walk of Fame.

While Fernández established his professional career in a humble pueblo in Mexico, his reach covered every corner of the globe with his limitless talent and musical influence. His music became the soundtrack of the lives of Latino families throughout Los Angeles. Songs about love, heartbreak, betrayal, and his love for Mexico can be heard in almost every neighborhood of this city on any given day.

Fernández had a tremendous impact on Mariachi music. Staples like "Volver Volver" and his rendition of "El Rey" are mainstays at backyard parties and mariachi concerts. Nowhere is this impact more apparent than in our city's very own Mariachi Plaza in Boyle Heights.

It is appropriate that the City of Los Angeles rename Bailey Street, near Mariachi Plaza, to "VICENTE FERNÁNDEZ Street." in honor of Vicente Fernández's legacy and for his impact on the residents of Los Angeles.

The renaming will enable all people who travel the street to recognize the road as a fixed landmark within the City of Los Angeles dedicated to celebrating the legacy of Vicente Fernández.

I, THEREFORE MOVE, that the Bureau of Engineering be directed to begin the process of changing the name of Bailey Street from 1st Street to Pennsylvania Avenue to "Vicente Fernández Street."

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