City Council Meeting
July 17, 2024
Committee on Transportation and Public Way

ORDINANCE

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHICAGO:

Section 1. Pursuant to Section 2-8-040 of the Municipal Code of Chicago, which allows erection of honorary street name designations, the Commissioner of the Chicago Department of Transportation shall be directed to install Honorary Street Name Signs to honor Frank Lopez on the 2600-2799 block of West Armitage Avenue, from North Rockwell Street to North California Avenue, as "Healthcare Alternative Systems Way".

Section 2. This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its passage and publication.

Daniel La Spata
Alderman, 1st Ward

Exhibit: West Armitage Avenue between North Rockwell Street and North California Avenue



Biography

In 1972, Healthcare Alternative Systems (HAS) emerged from humble beginnings, born from the vision of two individuals in recovery from alcoholism who recognized the dire need for treatment services tailored to the Hispanic community in Chicago. What began as a single clinic serving predominantly Spanish-speaking clients has blossomed into a network of 11 facilities spanning the Chicago area. HAS has evolved into a cornerstone of this community, providing culturally competent behavioral health services to those who need it most.

The story of HAS is one of resilience and dedication to addressing the multifaceted needs of our community. Over the years, HAS has expanded its services to encompass a comprehensive array of behavioral and social services, including domestic violence prevention and intervention, substance use counseling and treatment, mental health counseling, and housing support services. Through its unwavering commitment to cultural responsiveness and trauma-informed care, HAS has become a beacon of hope for individuals and families grappling with the challenges of mental health and substance use disorders.

HAS' impact on the Logan Square community cannot be overstated. In 2023 alone, HAS served over 14,000 participants, with nearly half identifying as Latinx and a significant portion representing other underserved communities, and offered nearly 3,000 participants substance use disorder treatment. 86% of participants come from low-income backgrounds, highlighting the critical role that HAS plays in addressing the social determinants of health that disproportionately affect our most vulnerable residents.