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**AGENDA ITEM
REQUEST/JUSTIFICATION FORM**
(To be completed by requesting Department)
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BEFORE THE TUESDAY MEETING**

Agenda item: Human Resources - Legislative

(i.e. Consent/Recognition-Proclamation/Presentation/Public Hearing/Committee, etc.)

Date to be on agenda: September 27, 2016

Exact wording to be used for the agenda: Discussion/approval of
clarification (technical renaming) of Dodge Street in Omaha, NE. (Commissioner
Chris Rodgers)

Action requested: Discussion/approval

Amount requested: _____ Object Code: _____

Is item in current year's budget? Yes _____ No _____

Does this item commit funds in future years? Yes _____ No _____

If yes, explain: _____

If an agreement or contract, has the County Attorney reviewed Yes _____ No _____
and approved?

Previous action taken on this item, if any: _____

Recommendations and rationale or action: The current understanding is that
Dodge Street is named for Iowa Senator August Caesar Dodge. Proposal that it
should be named in honor of the family of General Grenville M. Dodge and his
brother N. P. Dodge.

Will anyone speak on behalf of this item, if so who? _____

If this is a rush agenda item, please explain why: _____

Submitted by (Name & Dept.): Commissioner Chris Rodgers Ext. 444-

7025

Date submitted: September 21, 2016

List Attachments: Resolution

(Attach resolution and all pertinent documentation; i.e. contract, agreement, memorandums, etc.)

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BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA

RESOLVED

WHEREAS, 'Dodge Street' is a main thoroughfare in Omaha, Nebraska, and is currently named after the former United States Senator from Iowa Augustus Caesar Dodge; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Dodge was born in Ste. Genevieve, Missouri in 1812, and served in Congress between 1848 and 1855; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Dodge was one of the first set of United States Senators to represent the state of Iowa after it was admitted to the Union as a free state in 1846; and,

WHEREAS, Senator Dodge, however, supported proslavery initiatives and defended the rights of slave owners within the United States while representing the State of Iowa; and,

WHEREAS, beginning in the 1840s, brothers General Grenville Mellon (G.M.) Dodge and Nathan Phillips (N.P) Dodge homesteaded on the Elkhorn River in Nebraska Territory; and,

WHEREAS, the brothers had no relation to Senator Augustus Dodge and both supported the abolishment of slavery; and,

WHEREAS, the Dodge family's cabins served as public houses and weigh stations for travelers to eat and rest on their way across the state; and,

WHEREAS, General G.M. Dodge served as chief engineer for the Union Pacific Railroad headquartered in Omaha; and,

WHEREAS, in 1855, the brothers founded the 'Dodge Land Office', which later became the 'N.P. Dodge Real Estate Company' and currently remains in operation; and,

WHEREAS, 'Dodge Street' should be renamed in honor of the brothers General G.M. Dodge and N.P. Dodge and family in consideration of their contributions to Omaha.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS, DOUGLAS COUNTY, NEBRASKA, that this Board hereby urges the Governor of Nebraska to support and approve the renaming of 'Dodge Street' in honor of Omaha brothers General G.M. Dodge and N.P. Dodge.

DATED this 27th day of September, 2016