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CITY OF SACRAMENTO  
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AREA 2

August 7, 1998

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City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: Naming of the 90-foot Ballfield at the Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex,  
"Wes Yeargin Field"**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** One mile south of the intersection of Freeport Boulevard and Meadowview Road, Council District 7.

#### RECOMMENDATION

Staff is requesting the City Council, by Resolution, approve the naming of the 90-foot ballfield at Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, "Wes Yeargin Field."

**CONTACT PERSON:** Victor L. Edmisten, Parks and Recreation Manager, 264-5336

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** August 25, 1998

#### SUMMARY

The 90-foot baseball diamond is proposed to be named in honor of the late Robert "Wes" Yeargin, a founder of Pocket Little League.

#### COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION

At their regularly scheduled meeting of August 6, 1998, the Citizen's Advisory Committee recommended approval of the naming of the 90-foot ballfield at the Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, "Wes Yeargin Field."

#### BACKGROUND INFORMATION

First phase construction of two ballfields, soccer field, a portion of the parking lot and walkways was completed in early summer of 1998. On August 1, 1998, the Sacramento community celebrated the opening of the youth sports complex with a lively dedication that included team exhibitions and skill demonstrations by local area youth leagues. The opening of the complex culminates the considerable efforts of many active sports enthusiasts, notably those from the Pocket Little League, Pocket Girls Softball and Greenhaven Soccer.

Mr. Yeargin, raised in Clarksburg, lived in the Greenhaven/Pocket community for many years and was on the Board of Directors of Pocket Little League from 1968 to 1980, and President in 1975. He was also the Manager of

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Kennedy American Legion Baseball from 1980 to 1984, took the 1981 team to the World Series, and was State Commissioner of American Legion Baseball in 1988 and 1989.

Wes was an active part of the Pocket/Greenhaven community for many years. As a former coach, board member and past president of the Pocket Little League from 1968 to 1980, as well as involved in Kennedy American Legion Baseball, 1980 to 1984, Wes committed to providing healthy outdoor opportunities for Sacramento's youth. In January 1997, Wes passed away. He will be fondly remembered for his efforts of promoting youth sports in the Sacramento community.

In the 1960's and 70's, the Pocket/Greenhaven area was rapidly being developed. During this important planning period, Wes was key in getting youth sports organized and developed. In addition to his work managing youth sports, Wes was involved in organizing the highly visible "Toy Run" sponsored by the Modified Motorcycle Association. Over the years, 250,000 toys for needy children have been collected and distributed through the Salvation Army. This annual event has made a difference in the lives of less fortunate children throughout Sacramento.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

Not applicable.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

None.

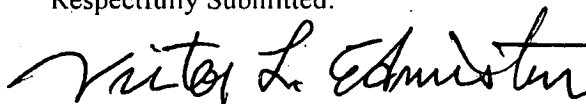
**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

It is the policy of the City to name park facilities after individuals who have gained stature in the Department, community, County, State or national affairs, or have made significant contributions relative to the facility or area in question.

**MBE/WBE CONSIDERATIONS:**

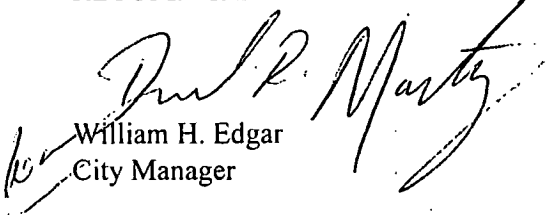
Not applicable.

Respectfully Submitted:



Victor L. Edmisten, Parks and Recreation Manager

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**



William H. Edgar  
City Manager

**APPROVED:**



Gary L. Little, Director - Area 2  
Neighborhoods, Planning & Development Services

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**RESOLUTION NO. 98-435**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF \_\_\_\_\_

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING THE NAMING OF THE 90-FOOT BALLFIELD  
AT FREEPORT SHORES YOUTH SPORTS COMPLEX "WES YEARGIN FIELD"**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO THAT:**

This resolution authorizes and directs the City of Sacramento to name the 90-foot ball diamond at the Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, "Wes Yeargin Field";

**WHEREAS**, Robert "Wes" Yeargin was an active supporter of Sacramento area youth as demonstrated through his initial founding of the Pocket Little League in 1968;

**WHEREAS**, Wes Yeargin was manager of Kennedy American Legion Baseball from 1980 to 1984 and took the team to the World Series in 1981;

**WHEREAS**, Wes Yeargin was State Commissioner of American Legion Baseball in 1988 and 1989;

**WHEREAS**, the Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, first phase construction (two ballfields and a full size soccer field) was completed the summer of 1998;

**WHEREAS**, the fields at Freeport Shores will be used by organized youth sports teams in the south area; and

**WHEREAS**, Wes was a key coordinator of the highly successful Modified Motorcycle Association's "Toy Run" which collected over 250,000 toys for Sacramento children.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Sacramento, that we do hereby name the 90-foot ballfield at the Freeport Shores Youth Sports Complex, "Wes Yeargin Field."

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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