



# REPORT TO COUNCIL

## City of Sacramento

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**Staff Report**  
February 26, 2008

**Honorable Mayor and  
Members of the City Council**

**Title:** Recommended Naming of Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park and Robert T. Matsui Gallery

**Location/Council District:** District 1

**Recommendation:** Adopt a RESOLUTION: 1) Approving the formal naming of Jibboom Street Park and the Sacramento River Intake Facility to the "Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park" and 2) Approving the formal naming of the art gallery in City Hall to the "Robert T. Matsui Gallery".

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**Department:** City Manager's Office

**Division:** Government Affairs

**Organization No:** 0320

### **Description/Analysis**

**Issue:** A citizens committee approached the Council regarding naming a city facility in honor of Congress member Robert Matsui. The City Council directed staff to return with a recommendation and update the City's naming policy.

In recognition of his many years of service to the Sacramento community, staff is recommending the formal naming of the Sacramento River Intake Facility and the adjacent park located on Interstate 5 and Jibboom Street as the "Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park". In addition, staff is recommending the naming of the art gallery located in the north foyer of City Hall be named the "Robert T. Matsui Gallery".

**Policy Considerations:** The proposed naming is consistent with the City's current and proposed updated Naming Policy. The criteria for naming facilities includes recognizing a local individual who has significantly contributed to the community. Robert T. Matsui had a long, successful career representing the City of Sacramento and the Sacramento region at the local and federal level with over 34 years of public service.


**Environmental Considerations:** None

**Commission/Committee Action:** The City Parks and Recreation Commission supported the naming of Jibboom Street Park to Robert T. Masui Waterfront Park on February 7, 2008.

**Rationale for Recommendation:** The naming of city facilities after the late Robert T. Matsui is consistent with the City's Naming Facilities Policy and Procedures. Mr. Matsui's leadership and dedication to public service had a significant impact on the community of Sacramento.

**Financial Considerations:** None

**Emerging Small Business Development:** None

Respectfully submitted by:   
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RESOLUTION NO.

NAMING OF THE ROBERT T. MATSUI WATERFRONT PARK  
AND ROBERT T. MATSUI GALLERY

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council wishes to recognize and honor the contributions of the late City Councilman and Congressman Robert T. Matsui.
- B. Mr. Matsui had a long, successful career representing the City of Sacramento and the Sacramento region at the local and federal levels with over 34 years of public service.
- C. Mr. Matsui was the first, and as yet only, Sacramento City Councilmember ever elected to Congress from Sacramento.
- D. During his career in Congress, Mr. Matsui became a champion of flood protection and the development of water resources for the Sacramento region.
- E. During his career in Congress and throughout his life, Mr. Matsui was a fervent supporter of the arts, serving on the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution.
- F. Mr. Matsui's first elected office was on the Sacramento City Council and it is appropriate to recognize him by naming of certain city facilities in his honor.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL  
RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. Jibboom Street Park and the Sacramento River Intake Facility shall be named the "Robert T. Matsui Waterfront Park".
- Section 2. The art gallery in the north foyer of City Hall shall be named the "Robert T. Matsui City Hall Gallery".

