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AREA 3

June 6, 2000

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT:** **Renaming Hagginwood Community Center to  
*Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center***

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** North Sacramento, Council District 2

**RECOMMENDATION:**

It is recommended that the City Council, by Resolution, rename the Hagginwood Community Center to the Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center; that a temporary sign be placed at the center to announce the center's name change and renovation plans; and that a permanent sign and rededication ceremony be planned for the completion of the renovation project in 2001.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Janet Baker, Administrative Analyst, 277-2348

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF:** June 20, 2000

**SUMMARY:**

In March of 1999, the City and the community lost a great leader in the field of youth development and recreation. Joe Mims, Jr. worked for the City of Sacramento for 34 years in the field of recreation. Following his unexpected death, a ground swell of support came from the community to find an appropriate place to remember the many contributions to the community made by Mr. Mims. After several meetings with City Council members, community leaders, city staff and the Mims' family, it was agreed to propose the renaming of Hagginwood Community Center to *Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center*.



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### **COMMITTEE ACTION:**

On April 13, 2000 the renaming proposal was presented for *information only* to the Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Advisory Committee. On May 4, 2000, the *Citizens Advisory Committee for Parks and Recreation* unanimously approved the renaming of Hagginwood Community Center to the Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center.

### **BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

Shortly after the untimely loss of this great leader in youth development and recreation, there were petitions from the community and support from city staff and City Council members to find an appropriate way to best remember Mr. Mims. Joe Mims worked tirelessly for 34 years in the recreation field, all for the City of Sacramento. His final assignment was that of Recreation Superintendent in charge of community centers throughout the City. During his long career, Joe worked to provide safe places and numerous activities for children and teens. Mr. Mims devoted his life to improving the lives of children in our community.

After several meetings with the Mims' family, City Council members, City staff and community leaders, the Hagginwood Community Center located at 3271 Marysville Boulevard, is being recommended for naming in his memory. The proposed name for the center is the Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center. This name keeps the important neighborhood and historic "Hagginwood" designation as well as paying tribute to Mr. Mims. City staff and community members believe that the community center is a fitting place to honor a man who gave so much to the community, particularly in the North Sacramento neighborhoods.

The Hagginwood Community Center is scheduled for a major renovation project. This much needed renovation project will bring about a rebirth of the center and coordinate with the renaming proposal. A formal rededication of the center in Mr. Mims' name will be planned at the completion of the renovation project. In the meantime, staff is recommending that a temporary sign be placed at the Center to recognize the future home of the renovated Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center.

### **FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no costs associated with this renaming proposal. Any additional cost for changes in signage at the community center will be absorbed through existing budgets.

**ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no environmental impacts associated with this renaming proposal. The proposal does not represent a project and, therefore, has no potential for an effect on the environment as stated by the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (Section 15061(b)(3)). All necessary environmental reports will be prepared in regard to the building renovation project at Hagginwood Community Center.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This proposal is consistent with the adopted City Council policy for naming and renaming City facilities in memory of community members, staff or council members whose life and career made a significant contribution to the Sacramento community.

**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

There are no supplies or services being purchased as a result of this proposal. Any signage needed for the renaming will follow the guidelines set forth by the Emerging and Small Business Development program.

Respectfully Submitted,



Michael Hanamura, Area 3 Director  
Neighborhoods, Planning & Development  
Services

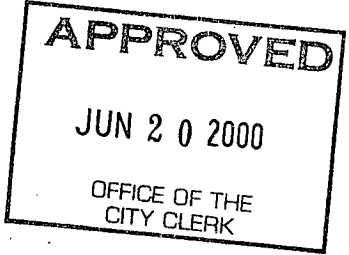


Ralph Pettingell,  
Recreation Manager

Recommendation Approved:



ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager



**RESOLUTION NO. 2000-369**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

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

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE RENAMING OF  
HAGGINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER TO THE  
JOE MIMS, JR. HAGGINWOOD COMMUNITY CENTER  
AND AUTHORIZING NEW SIGNS TO NOTIFY THE COMMUNITY**

**Whereas**, the City of Sacramento recognizes the outstanding and lasting contributions of Joe Mims, Jr. during his 34-year career in Recreation for the City of Sacramento; and

**Whereas**, the City of Sacramento has a formal naming policy which encourages the naming and renaming of city facilities in memory of community, City Council or staff members who have contributed greatly to the community; and

**Whereas**, the community, family, and City staff embrace the renaming of Hagginwood Center in memory of Joe Mims, Jr.;

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

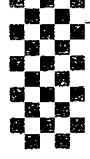
1. The Hagginwood Community Center, located at 3271 Marysville Boulevard, in North Sacramento, be renamed the Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center; and
2. A sign announcing the renovation project and the renaming be placed at the Center as soon as possible to notify the community of the project; and
3. An official rededication ceremony be planned for the Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center at the completion of the renovation project in 2001.

**FOR CITY CLERK USE ONLY**

RESOLUTION NO.: \_\_\_\_\_

DATE ADOPTED: \_\_\_\_\_

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**AGENDA  
MATERIAL**

Please deliver immediately to: Hon. Robbie Waters

of: Sacramento City Council

Fax number: 92647680

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of: Greater Sacto Urban League

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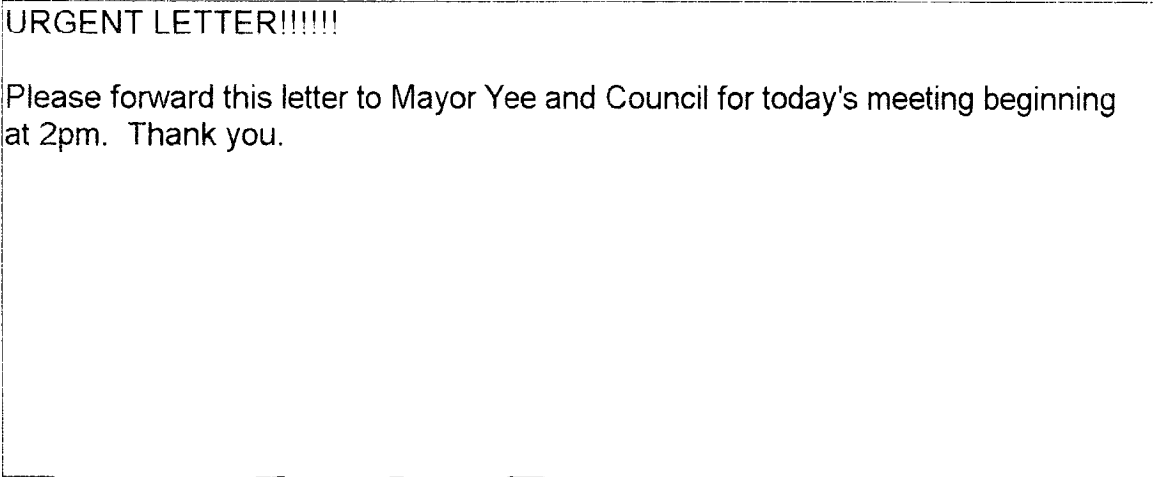
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Subject: Joe Mims Support Letter to Rename Hagginwood

# *Message:*

**URGENT LETTER!!!!!!**

Please forward this letter to Mayor Yee and Council for today's meeting beginning at 2pm. Thank you.



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# GREATER SACRAMENTO URBAN LEAGUE

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June 20, 2000

Honorable Jimmy Yee  
Mayor of Sacramento  
And Members of the City Council  
915 I Street  
Sacramento, CA 95814

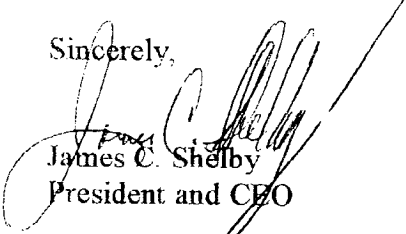
Dear Mayor Yee and City Council:

On behalf of the Greater Sacramento Urban League, I wish to request your consideration to rename the Hagginwood Center to Joe Mims, Jr. Hagginwood Community Center.

As a community leader and dedicated employee for the City of Sacramento, Mr. Mims spent many years addressing the recreational as well as the social needs and issues of youth and the community at large. Because of his long-time dedication to his community and his hard work, Mr. Mims received several commendations. Some of the awards included the California Parks and Recreation Society Special Award of Excellence for Recreation and Community Service, the Humanitarian of the Year Award from the Del Paso Heights Community Improvement Association, the Man of the Year Award by the Sacramento Alumni Chapter of Kappa Alpha Psi Fraternity, Inc., and city and county resolutions for his outstanding individual and collaborative contributions on behalf of youth and Sacramento residents.

Mr. Mims' continuous and tireless mission to improve the community is commendable and deserving of such an honor. We ask that the City Council give the community your serious consideration of our request to rename the Hagginwood Center in memory of this outstanding community leader. Thank you.

Sincerely,

  
James C. Shelby  
President and CEO

Cc: Hon. Steve Cohen  
Hon. Heather Fargo  
Hon. Rob Kerth  
Hon. Lauren Hammond  
Hon. Dave Jones  
Hon. Bonnie Parnell  
Hon. Robbie Waters  
Hon. Joseph Yee

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P. O. Box 38752  
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June 12, 2000

Honorable Robert Kerth  
Sacramento City Councilperson, District II  
915 Eye Street  
Sacramento, California 95814

RE: HAGGINWOOD COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE PROPOSED NAME  
CHANGE; I.E., ADDITION OF NAME JOE MIMS, SR.  
TO CLUBHOUSE.

Dear Councilperson Rob Kerth:

It has been proposed by City Park and Recreation Department and by some others to add the name of JOE MIMS, SR. to the existing community clubhouse.

With all due respect to Joe Mims, Sr., may I remind you that Joe was a City employee, performing his duties in his capacity with the Park and Recreation Department, as outlined by Policy and Procedures of that department and performing his duties under Senior Supervision of that department.

In other words, Joe was a City employee performing his assigned duties as is the case with any other City employee.

This is not to underestimate his performance as a City employee but I'm sure there are many other City employees who are (were) just as devoted and deserving as Joe to have a City facility named in their memory.

Consider the status of employees ranging from City Manager to lesser positions who are not so nominated for facilities to be named in their memories.

Especially noteworthy in this case, by adding the name of any City employee, past or present, to the Hagginwood facility would dilute and lessen the name and impact of the World Famous JAMES BEN ALI HAGGIN whom we all know so well along with the World famous Historical Rancho Del Paso name.

Also noteworthy and related to this case, the naming of newly-constructed City facilities, i.e., MC KINNEY POLICE FACILITY, have but one memorialized name where no name previously existed.

Accordingly, Rob, we are urging you, as our "point man" and as Councilperson representing District No. II, to vote against this proposed name addition to the Hagginwood Community Clubhouse and urge your colleagues on the Council to also deny adding to or otherwise changing the name of this facility.

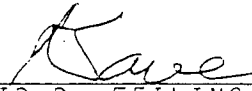
TO: HONORABLE ROBERT KERTH  
FROM: DAVID R. FEILING  
SUBJECT: HAGGINWOOD COMMUNITY CLUBHOUSE PROPOSED NAME CHANGE;  
I.E., ADDITION OF NAME JOE MIMS, SR. TO CLUBHOUSE  
DATE: JUNE 12, 2000, CONTINUED

As an alternative to the proposed name change, we propose a LIVING MEMORIAL in the form of a grove of live Oak Trees complete with picnic tables and other facilities, and a suitable metal plaque to memorialize Joe and name this grove of trees the "JOE MIMS MEMORIAL GROVE".

To further memorialize Joe's name with the park, the live oak trees are readily available, as small trees, suitable for transplanting, from a PARENT TREE currently living and thriving on the Hagginwood Park grounds, and are the offsprings of that tree and are growing on my property adjacent to the park. They are a suitable size to be transplanted into the Memorial Grove.

Many thanks for your favorable response in rejecting any name addition to the Hagginwood Clubhouse facility.

Very truly yours,



DAVID R. FEILING

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District II

DRF:dmf

cc: Mayor Jimmie Yee  
Members in Session: Sacramento City Council

President V. Schnell, Rancho Del Paso Historical Society

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