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City Council
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Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: NAMING THE BASEBALL FIELDS AT McCLATCHY PARK

LOCATION: City Council District 5, Oak Park Neighborhood

RECOMMENDATION:

This report recommends that the City Council, by Resolution, name the two baseball fields at McClatchy Park, Fifth Avenue at 33rd Street, in honor of two deserving Oak Park residents, Mr. Harrison Crump and Mr. Norman Blackwell.

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FOR COUNCIL MEETING OF: March 30, 1999

SUMMARY

A committee of Oak Park residents approached City staff with the proposal to name the ballfields in McClatchy Park in honor of Mr. Crump and Mr. Blackwell for their long time commitment to the youth of Oak Park. The dedication will include two wooden signs and a corner stone plaque.

COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTIONS

City Council policy adopted in 1992, authorizes the City Council to name city park and recreation facilities to honor individuals who have made "significant contributions relative to the facility or area in question". The policy requires approval from the Parks and Recreation Citizens Advisory Committee (CAC). Community member Derrell Roberts received approval from both the Parks and Recreation CAC (on March 4th), the Oak Park Project Area



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Committee (on March 3rd) and Councilmember Lauren Hammond's office. Mr. Roberts has also notified the McClatchy family to let them know of this proposal.

BACKGROUND

Both Mr. Crump and Mr. Blackwell have been longtime residents of the Oak Park Community and have been instrumental in the creation and continuation of Oak Park neighborhood sports for nearly 25 years. Both have been coaches and officials for the Oak Park Little League for more than 20 years. Mr. Crump has been President of the Little League for more than 20 years. Countless athletes have taken the fundamental skills they were taught by these men and used them at the high school, college, and semi- and professional levels. They have helped NBA player Kevin Johnson, Major League baseball players and coaches Jerry Royster, JR Reynolds and Mike Brown, among others. In addition to their involvement in sports, they both have also been active in serving the City in a number of ways. Both have served on various City boards, including the Housing and Redevelopment Commission's Community Advisory Board in Oak Park. Both are Masons, and both are active in charity activities. Mr. Blackwell runs a program which feeds hundreds weekly.

The naming recognition will include two wooden signs, one at the Fifth Avenue entrance to the ballfields and one on the Sixth Avenue side. The community is also fund-raising to build a corner stone plaque which will be installed at the drinking fountain behind the backstop.

Staff agrees that Mr. Crump and Mr. Blackwell are much deserving of this community recognition. Mr. Roberts and City staff will work together to have the signs installed in time for a special ceremony on the opening day of the Oak Park Little League 1999 season, Saturday, April 10th.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS

Funding for the signage and corner stone will be a joint project from City Recreation, Neighborhoods, Planning and Development Department Area 3, Councilmember Hammond's office and community donations.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

Naming the baseball fields for two deserving community members who have dedicated hundreds of hours over the past twenty years to improving the Oak Park community and especially the youth is in keeping with the City Council policy of naming park and recreation facilities.

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ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS

This project does not involve any negative impacts to the environment and does not require any environmental assessments.

MBE/WBE

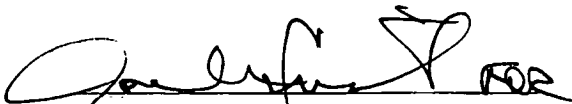
Every effort will be made to follow the City's MBE/WBE guidelines for the purchase of goods and materials for this project.

Respectfully Submitted,

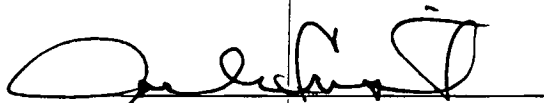


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Recommendation Approved:



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RESOLUTION NO. 99-149

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING THE CITY MANAGER
TO DIRECT CITY STAFF TO INSTALL SIGNS AT THE
McCLATCHY PARK BASEBALL FIELDS TO HONOR
MR. HARRISON CRUMP AND MR. NORMAN BLACKWELL**

WHEREAS, the City of Sacramento Policy for Naming Park and Recreation Facilities clearly states that *individuals who have gained stature in the community by making significant contributions relative to the facility or area in question* may have facilities named in their honor; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Harrison Crump and Mr. Norman Blackwell have dedicated many years to improve the lives of the youth of Oak Park and the community as well; and

WHEREAS, McClatchy Park is the home of the Oak Park Little League and the neighborhood where Mr. Crump and Mr. Blackwell provided leadership and community service;

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

1. The two baseball fields at James McClatchy Park located at Fifth Avenue and 33rd Street in Sacramento are now to be known as *The Crump / Blackwell Baseball Fields*.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

City Clerk

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DATE ADOPTED: _____