

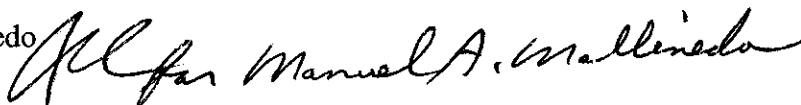
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**CITY OF LOS ANGELES**  
Department of Recreation and Parks

October 16, 2002

**TO:** Board of Recreation and Park Commissioners

**FROM:** Manuel A. Mollinedo  
General Manager



**SUBJECT: SECOND AVENUE PARK: PROPOSED NAME CHANGE TO BENNY H. POTTER WEST ADAMS AVENUES MEMORIAL PARK**

In September, 2001, the Department of Recreation and Parks received a request by a community group, the BHP Memorial Park Committee, to change the name of Second Avenue Park to Benny H. Potter West Adams Avenues Memorial Park. Second Avenue Park is located at 2413 Second Avenue (Exhibit A). The park is located adjacent to the South Seas House, currently under reconstruction by the Department, which will be used as a community facility.

Benny H. Potter was a resident of the neighborhood near Second Avenue Park for ten years and was beloved by his local community. He cared for his neighbors when in need, took care of their pets, and watched out for crime. Mr. Potter was a decorated WWII veteran and set an example to youth that "you don't have to be a big shot to be of service and value to the neighborhood." A petition accompanied the request for the name change, as well as a letter of support from Congresswoman Diane Watson.

Community meetings on this proposal were held on April 20 and September 7 of this year, at which most attendees expressed support for the proposal. The West Adams Avenues Association, has expressed support for renaming the park to Benny H. Potter West Adams Avenues Memorial Park. Councilmember Holden supports the efforts of the community in the renaming of the park.

However, since the community meetings, the Department has also received input from community members in opposition to the renaming, and suggestions that dedication of a feature or specific area of the park in his memory would be more appropriate. There are two other such plaques at the park honoring outstanding individuals.

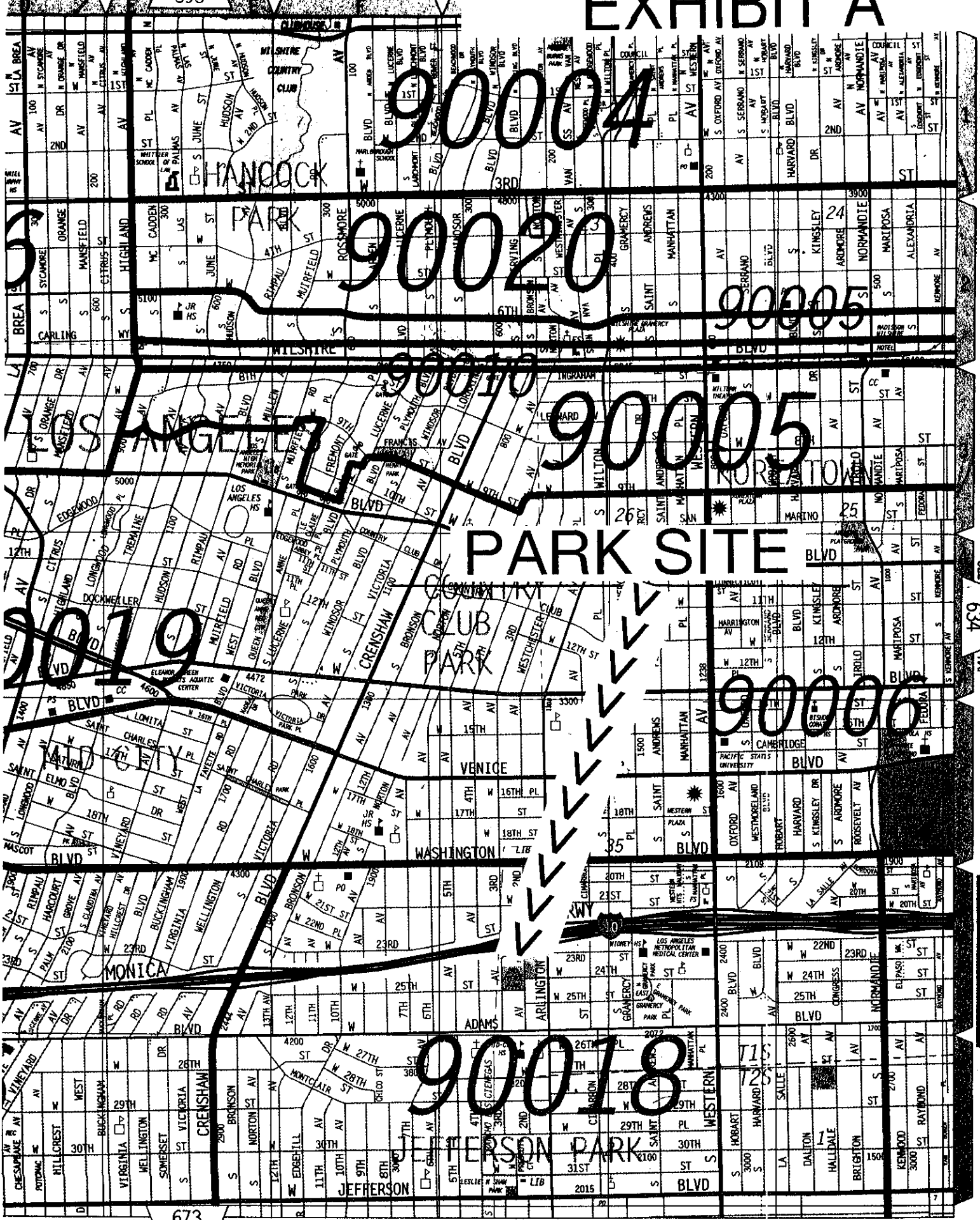
The Department is actively working with the community and the Council Office in accordance with existing park naming policies to develop a recommendation to the Board on this matter. A report will be coming at a subsequent meeting of the Board.

Report prepared by Camille Didier, Supervisor, Advance Planning/Special Project.

# EXHIBIT A

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