

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 03-15

DATE January 8, 2003

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: PROPOSED RENAMING 48TH STREET PARK TO JULIAN C. DIXON PARK

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General Manager

Approved _____

Disapproved _____

Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the Board:

1. Approve the renaming of 48th Street Park to Julian C. Dixon Park; and,
2. Direct Pacific Region staff to erect the appropriate park sign.

SUMMARY:

A Council Motion was adopted July 10, 2001, relative to changing the name of 48th Street Park to Julian C. Dixon Park (see Exhibit A). This Motion was presented by Councilmember Rita Walters, and seconded by Councilmember Mark Ridley-Thomas, Councilmember Ruth Galanter, and Councilmember Mike Feuer. The 48th Street Park is located at 4800 S. Hoover Street (see Exhibit B).

The Council found it appropriate for the City to honor the memory of this great man and role model to young people by naming a facility in his honor. The late Congressman Julian C. Dixon worked tirelessly and very effectively to help the City obtain much-needed federal assistance in such areas as transportation, housing, education, and libraries during his 22-year tenure in Congress. Following the 1992 civil disturbances, he moved to provide emergency funds for damaged businesses, and, later led efforts to help his community, after the 1994 Northridge earthquake. The 48th Street Park is located in the late Congressman's District as well as in the community where he grew up and made his home.

A community meeting on this proposal was held on October 12, 2002, at which most attendees expressed support for the proposal. Staff has reviewed and recommends approval of the name change. The Councilmember of this District and Pacific Region staff support the renaming.

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

EXHIBIT A

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The late Congressman Julian C. Dixon was a great friend to the City of Los Angeles. In his remarkable 22 year tenure in Congress he worked tirelessly and very effectively to help the City obtain much needed federal assistance in such areas as transportation, housing, education, and libraries.

It is only fitting that the City honor the memory of this great man and role model to young people by naming a facility in his honor. The City park at Hoover & 48th Street (a .96 Acre Park including a Basketball Court and Children's Play Area at 4800 S. Hoover), which is located in his Congressional District as well as in the locality where he grew up and made his home would be a most suitable public facility to be named in his honor.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council express its desire that the City park at Hoover & 48th Street, be named as the "Julian C. Dixon Park."

I FURTHER MOVE that Los Angeles Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to name the City park at Hoover & 48th Street as the "Julian C. Dixon Park."

PRESENTED BY:

Rita Walters
RITA WALTERS
Councilwoman, 9th District

SECONDED BY:

Mark Kelley - H
Rita Galanter
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