

December 5, 2020

Dear Councilmembers,

This week it was brought to my attention that the City of L.B. was attempting to rename Chittick field, the field named after my late father, Cline Chittick . This news struck me and the Chittick family very hard. It was like losing my father all over again. This is why my brother (Brian Chittick ) and I are writing you, to let you know who my father was, and why the field is named after him.

As far back in my memory of my father Cline William Chittick, being a graduate of Poly High School, and after returning from the war, he was involved in many things around the community, working for the L.B. school district for 38 years, he was a Scout Master and Scout leader for many years. During my elementary school years, Dad donated his time for my school Clara Barton (where my mother was P.T.A. President.) for the school carnivals, building booths and holding newspaper drives. Whenever he was needed he was there to help.

As for K.B.A.( Kid Baseball Association) he was involved many years before my brother and I were born and adopted as babies in the late 50's . He had joined in the beginning day of K.B.A. with our uncle, Chuck Stevens (A Long Beach Allstar & Pro Baseball player) and others who had started K.B.A. Dad would do pretty much everything and anything for K.B.A. our home was like a distribution center for uniforms and trophies for coaches and players during baseball season. I remember driving with my father from one end of town to the other picking up any kid who didn't have a ride to their respective baseball game. He would then return them home at the end of the evening. He would do this every night there were games throughout the city. Every year K.B.A. held the baseball jamboree. Dad was there making sure everything ran as smoothly as humanly possible, he was President of K.B.A.

After my dads passing it was Mayor Kell who proposed the field be named in my fathers honor.

In 1978 my dad was honored with the Walt Marshall Award. This award was given in recognition of his demonstration of consistent promotion of youth athletic programs.

Any change to the name of Chittick Field would be a disservice and insult to the years of effort my father gave to the thousands of kids in the City of Long Beach.

And to this day I will drive by Chittick Field it makes me very proud of my Father, to see my fathers name well deservedly represented.

Sincerely

Karen Chittick Angel

P.S. In addition to simply "doing what is right", there are legal implications, guidelines and Administrative Regulations regarding the naming of city property.

This is evidenced by City of Long Beach Administrative Regulations

Number AR8-7

Issue 2 category III. Policy

"The names of city-owned land, buildings, and facilities shall not be named in honor of individuals when they have previously been named for other individuals"

## Valerie Davis

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**From:** karen angel <thekarener@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 17, 2020 8:56 AM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Renaming Chittick Field

**-EXTERNAL-**

To Parks and Recreation Commission

After listening to the council meeting November 17, it comes to my attention that all the councilmembers are in favor of renaming or as they call it attaching Mr. Andrews name to To Chittick Field. It is apparent to me that the council members have done zero research on why the field was originally named after my father Cline Chittick. So let me provide you a little bit of background, my father's name was honored posthumously to that field. He was not a legend, he was not a scholar, he was an unsung hero that asked for no recognition, he didn't ask for his name to be put on that field, he did the things that he did because he wanted to help the city of Long Beach and kids baseball period. I direct you to my letter that provides background exactly why Cline Chittick is associated with that field and the things that he did directly with that field.

Mr. Andrews clearly sounds like an accomplished person to me, although I have no personal knowledge of him, he is apparently a true scholar, a legend and a huge asset to the City of Long Beach, he should absolutely be recognized. None of his legendary attributes justify this level of disrespect and legal violations. Maybe a street name or a new park, or a park that has not been already named for an individual? Rename the airport. In any case, his service does not give him the right to go in direct contradiction of administrative regulations, specifically number AR8-7 issue 2, Roman numeral III, policy, bullet point number seven, "the names of city owned land buildings and facilities shall not be named in honor of individuals when they have been previously named for other individuals" this is stated in no uncertain terms, there is no allowable/legal deviation from that document.

This of course is in addition the issue of not being deceased for one year. That item apparently allows for his friends to ignore. Bullet point seven, does not allow for his friends to ignore, it is clearly stated.

I do understand that the possibility exists that council members were simply uninformed when this vote occurred. That is why I would appreciate all reading my letter that gives insight and background on my father, Cline Chittick. Valerie Davis has the letter and I would be pleased to send to all individually if provided the email addresses.

As Susie price stated at that council meeting Mr. Andrews has a history of "doing the right thing " well this would be a great opportunity for Mr. Andrews to "do the right thing", demonstrate his moral,ethical fiber and not accept a nomination which is in direct violation of administrative regulations and is also a disrespect to an individual who has clearly been deserving of this honor.

All members should read the background letter prior to voting in order to be properly informed.

Thank You Karen Chittick Angel

**Valerie Davis**

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**From:** Trish Thibodeaux <Crstlnmom@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, December 10, 2020 12:20 PM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Cline Chittick Field

**-EXTERNAL-**

## Cline Chittick Field

December 1, 2020

Long Beach City Counsel,

My name is Trish (Stovall) Thibodeaux, I am writing to you in hopes that the counsel will re-consider the re-naming of Chittick Field.

Karen (Chittick) Angel is not only my friend for many years but the daughter of the late Cline Chittick. She has been understandably upset upon learning of this change. Before it is acted on let me tell you a bit about the man behind the name on the sign.

My family has lived in Long Beach for generations and proud to say we knew Cline Chittick personally. The old "Hamilton Bowl" couldn't have had a better name bestowed on it. Cline Chitticks passion for youth sports and it's positive benefits to children was undeniable!

For MANY years he was involved with "Kid Baseball" not only donating uniforms but donating his time as well. He had a strong belief that youth sports was a very important part of not only keeping kids off the streets but giving them a positive outlet in their lives. Many of the underprivileged children in Long Beach would not have been able to take part in youth sports because even back then it was costly and their families could not afford it. Even the burden of transportation was too much. Mr. Chittick was always there to pick up or drop off kids whenever needed! If the child could not afford a uniform Mr. Chittick made sure they got one.

I am sure there are many in Long Beach to this day that remember Mr. Cline Chittick and his dedication to youth sports. So on behalf of myself and my whole family we want you to know how appropriate keeping the name of the sport field as "Cline Chittick Field". The honor was and still is, well deserved~

Sincerely,

Trish (Stovall) Thibodeaux & The Stovall Family

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Sent from my iPad

**Cline Chittick Letter**

2 messages

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Sun, Dec 13, 2:02 PM

Reply-To: &lt;19red87@verizon.net&gt;

To: thekarener@gmail.com &lt;thekarener@gmail.com&gt;

December 2020

Dear Council Members,

My name is Brian Chittick. I am Cline W. Chittick's son. My sister, Karen Chittick Angel and I recently found out that the current Long Beach City Council was trying to change the name of Chittick Field. This proposed name change involves ignoring and breaking at least two rules and regulations that have been enforce for over 100 years. This is an insult to my Father and family. Ernie Kell, the City Council and dozens of community leaders wanted to show their respect and appreciation by giving his name to a place where thousands of young people played. Chittick Field was dedicated shortly after my Father's death.

After viewing a closed Long Beach City Council meeting, it was easy for this city council to break the rules and regulations pertaining to naming city owned properties. From their comments, it was clear that not one of them knew or cared anything about Cline Chittick.

This letter is to give you a brief look into Cline Chittick's life and the impact he had in Long Beach. Any more than a brief look would contain dozens of volumes. I have listed just a few periods in my Father's life that helped shape his character and beliefs.

My Father grew up not knowing who his Father was living with his Pastor grandmother. His single mother could not afford to take care of him and his sister, so she left the two of them with her mother. They were very poor. My Father was an extremely smart and talented boy and young man. He taught himself to play the harmonica and guitar. He also had a great singing voice. In 1925, at age 12, he won a talent contest, sponsored by FOX West Coast, the Elks Club and a few radio stations. He was awarded the title of Mouth Organ Sousa of Long Beach. Hal Nichols, owner of KFOX Radio on Anaheim Street saw the contest and hired my Dad. Every day after school he would be on the radio as Freckles on a program called Butter Cream School House. His small income was a blessing for his grandmother and sister. He was the major income supporter for his family.

At Poly High School, he was a gifted athlete. In 1928, he participated in the Junior Olympics in Los Angeles. After graduation from Poly, Dad volunteered to help with the track and football teams at Poly and Wilson High. At this time, he joined several service organizations including the 20/30 Club, YMCA and the Masons.

During the earthquake of 1933, my Father was in the basement of the Breakers Hotel in downtown Long Beach. In his rush to get home to check on his grandmother and sister, he helped rescue several people that were trapped in a collapsed building. He was recognized by the City and the Long Beach Press Telegram. The article stated local radio star, C. Chittick, helped save elderly couple from collapsed building.

Through 1934, Dad continued to work at KGER, KFOX, KFI and KHJ as well as helping the kids at Franklin, Wilson and Poly High Schools. In late 1935, he went on tour with Harry Fletcher and The Purple Sage Riders of the RKO Circuit. He toured the country ending in New York City. It was at this time that he missed Long Beach. Dad was offered a job at Long Beach Unified School District. He was hired to start and run the new Audio/Visual Department. He was with LBUSD for 38 years, excluding the WWII years.

During WWII, my Father was a highly decorated combat photographer. He was involved in three invasions and seven major engagements. These included the Normandy Invasion D-Day, June 6, 1944, Bloody Omaha Beach and the Battle of the Bulge. He was in the European Theater for almost four years. Very few of his original Division returned. He was awarded one Silver Star with two oak leaf clusters, three Bronze Stars and The French Croix de Guerre.

After the war, my Father went back to work for LBUSD. He continued to build and improve the Audio/Visual Department. It was at this time that Dad became involved with Kid Baseball Association of Long Beach. KBA was founded by my uncle, Chuck Stevens, Vern Stephans, Charlie Brown and Bob Lemon. The Association was formed to give the children of Long Beach, especially kids in the lower income areas, an organized, positive avenue to sports and life. In those days, organized youth sports did not exist in Long Beach, especially in the central, west side and north Long Beach areas. KBA offered good, clean, organized youth baseball with dedicated coaches that really cared about the kids.

My Father started as a coach, then Commissioner and then President. He always continued the original values and goals of the Association. Every evening, my Dad would travel around the city visiting team after team. He wanted to make sure that all the teams had the equipment they needed or wanted. All the coaches, players and parents knew who Cline Chittick was and knew that he always had their children's best interest and future as his number one priority.

My Father accomplished more in his life than most people would ever dream of. His accomplishments were not judged by monetary gains but by positive life influence. He knew what it is like to have nothing and what it was like to live each day as if it were your last. How good it felt to see a child grow up and live a positive, happy, healthy life. He touched the lives of thousands of children. Thirty-eight years after his passing, children of those children are passing on those lessons that he taught all of us.

As I said at the start of this letter, this proposed name change involves ignoring and breaking at least two rules and regulations that have been enforce for over 100 years. These rules and regulations were put in for exactly the reason this letter is being written. Those who wrote the Administrative Rules and Regulations were wise enough to know there would be future generations or councils that would want to ignore, break or change the accomplishments and achievements of past generations. These two regulations were put in exactly to stop this issue.

Respectfully submitted,  
Brian S. Chittick

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Sun, Dec 13, 2:50 PM

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-----Original Message-----

From: [19red87@verizon.net](mailto:19red87@verizon.net)

To: [steel\\_horse@verizon.net](mailto:steel_horse@verizon.net)

Sent: Sun, Dec 13, 2020 2:20 pm

Subject: Fwd: Cline Chittick Letter

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## Valerie Davis

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**From:** charron562@aol.com  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 8:33 PM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Renaming of Sports Complex

**-EXTERNAL-**

***Esteemed Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:***

***I am in support of renaming the Sports Complex at Chittick field "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". As a long-time Long Beach resident and the Director of a non-profit organization which mentors at-risk youth and families, I know this sports complex serves as a positive recreational outlet. Over the years, the transformation to the site has been remarkable and there is no doubt that Dee Andrews' leadership played a vital role in ensuring the funding for this revitalization.***

***Thank you for your time and consideration.***

Sincerely,

Charron Gonder

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## Valerie Davis

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**From:** Isabel Arvea <aisabel92@hotmail.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:07 PM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Cc:** Jonathan Kraus  
**Subject:** E- Comment for PRM Commission- Chittick Field

**-EXTERNAL-**

Good evening Val,

Hope all is well.

Please accept the small paragraph below as part of e-comment for the PRM Commission's consideration tomorrow morning.

Thank you for your assistance.

Stay healthy.

Sincerely,

Isabel Arvea, MPA

***Esteemed Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:***

***I am in support of renaming the Sports Complex at Chittick field "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". I am a Sixth District resident who was raised in the Martin Luther King Jr. Park neighborhood and I had the honor of working with Dee Andrews as his Chief of Staff. Currently, I live one block away from the field and over the years have seen the site transform for the better. I remember soccer tournaments in the dirt, people sailing during the rainfall in the complex, and I have had the pleasure of running laps around this field. We now have a well-lit, all-weather track, free-standing restrooms, and parking at the site. This multi-million-dollar project could not have been accomplished without Dee's leadership.***

***In addition, as a former Recreation Leader in the Parks, Recreation & Marine department, I have witnessed first-hand how Dee's dedication and vision for the site has created a positive impact on at-risk youth and families. I recall when the PRM department hosted an All-City Track Meet at the site with youth from all over the city. The experience was enriching and most importantly, free. There is no doubt Dee's decade of service, his life-long residency in the Sixth District, and his passion for community are more than enough reasons to award him this honor.***

***I look forward to your support and recognition of the Son of the Sixth and volunteer any contribution I can assist with to see this project come to fruition.***

***Thank you for your time and consideration.***

## Valerie Davis

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**From:** Felton Williams, Ph.D. <feltonw@aol.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 9:40 PM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Renaming Chittick Field to the Dee Andrews Sports Complex  
**Attachments:** Dee Andrews.docx

**-EXTERNAL-**

Hello Valerie,

I am submitting the following comments in consideration of renaming Chittick Field to the Dee Andrews Sports Complex and have provided the attached comments in support of my recommendation.

Thanks and best wishes,

*Felton Williams, Ph.D. President  
AACCLB*

Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

I would like to add my name to the list of supporters to rename the Sports Complex at Chittick Field, the *Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field*.

Councilman Andrews has done much to enrich the fabric of this city and share his devotion to improving the lives and conditions of others. I have been with him for a majority of the time on his journey and truly amazed by his determination to make improvements in every facet of city life.

I recall vividly the discussions involving Chittick Field and the interest shown by Councilman Andrews to see it come to fruition. I was one of the speakers on that day when it was finally dedicated and Councilman Andrews had accomplished another opportunity for residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> district. It was a proud day and a proud moment and one that I will never forget.

We owe a debt of gratitude to Councilman Andrews for his lifetime of work on behalf of the residents of the 6<sup>th</sup> District and the City of Long Beach, and the opportunity to rename Chittick Field to the Dee Andrews Sports Complex represents a simple gesture to a humanitarian.

Sincerely,

Felton Williams

## Valerie Davis

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**From:** Dee Williams <deeforme1900@yahoo.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 20, 2021 10:25 PM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Renaming Sports Complex at Chittick field

**-EXTERNAL-**

***Esteemed Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:***

***I am in support of renaming the Sports Complex at Chittick field to "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". I have the honor of knowing Dee for most of our lifetime and I know his kind-heart and passion for the community. He has always been a proud supporter of an organization that is very dear to my heart, the Long Beach Section National Council of Negro Women. Dee is a Long Beach native and his unselfish years of caring service to our diverse community of residents old, young and all colors warrant recognition.***

***I look forward to your support and recognition of the Son of the Sixth.***

***Thank you for your time and consideration.***

***Deloris "Dee" Williams***

***NCNW***

## Valerie Davis

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**From:** Gloria Willingham <villagerawards@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:01 AM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Support of Recommendation re: "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field"

**-EXTERNAL-**

Greetings Members, Long Beach Parks and Recreation Commission, Housing and Neighborhoods Committee:

Naming this "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field" is not only a tribute to Dee Andrews, it is a tribute to District 6, a tribute to the City of Long Beach, a beacon to every young person searching for possibilities. It is a way of bringing the impact of a sports and public service legacy from the shadows to the light.

Naming this as the "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field" closes the divide between legacy and community. In the words of young poet Amanda Gorman " *We close the divide because we know to put our future first.*"

With that in mind and in the spirit of "Lifting as we Climb!" ...Afram Global Organization Inc., in concert with our Village Projects initiatives, stand in support of the recommendation to rename the Sports Complex at Chittick Field, the "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field" Congratulations on this historic recommendation. Now is the time!

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Gloria J. Willingham-Toure' PhD  
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***Esteemed Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:***

***I am in support of renaming the Sports Complex at Chittick field "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". As the founder of a non-profit organization which works with youth and families, I know the positive impact this site creates on such a diverse and low-income household community. Dee Andrews' leadership and vision for youth, green space and sports was one of the key reasons why this project was brought to fruition and he deserves this honor.***

***Thank you for your time and consideration.***

***Maleka Chris***

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## Valerie Davis

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**From:** Jose Martinez <jgmartinez562@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, January 21, 2021 7:33 AM  
**To:** Valerie Davis  
**Subject:** Comment Parks & Recreation Commission

**-EXTERNAL-**

Esteemed Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission:

I am in support of renaming the Sports Complex at Chittick field "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". For a long-time I was a Sixth District resident, I now live two blocks away from the site, and I am a former Parks & Recreation staff member. Over the years, I have seen the field improve and serve the community in ways that only a visionary like Dee Andrews could lead towards. The renovation the field went through was astonishing and something I doubt the Parks department could have accomplished alone; resources are always scarce. Dee's leadership and advocacy for the site are traits that deserve honor and renaming the field is the perfect gesture. Dee was an athlete in the Sixth District community, he is a former NFL player, a public servant and retired educator. There is no one best to rename this field after and I look forward to your support of this recommendation.

Thank you.

-Jose Martinez