



Date: June 1, 2004
To: Mayor Beverly O'Neill And City Council
From: Robert M. Webb, Councilman – Eighth District *RW*
Subject: **AGENDA ITEM – NAMING OF NEW PARK AT MARKET ST. AND DAIRY AVE.**

The North Long Beach Redevelopment Project Area Committee has recommended that the new park, currently under construction at Market Street and Dairy Avenue, be named for Burton W. Chace.

Mr. Chace was a long time resident of north Long Beach, with a distinguished career of public service to the community. In addition to being elected to the City Council in 1945, he subsequently served as Mayor from 1947-1953.

Following his service on the City Council, he was elected to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors where he served from 1952 until 1970. Tragically, Mr. Chace was killed in an automobile accident while on County business in 1970. Among his accomplishments as a Los Angeles County Supervisor were the construction of Marina Del Rey and the reorganization of County government to create the Department of Beach and Harbors.

The site of the new park has its own history with the City. The property was originally purchased in 1924 for a fire station, and served as the home of Fire Station number 11 from July 1929 until July 1963.

I am very supportive of this selection by the Project Area Committee. Therefore, I respectfully request that the name, Burton Chace Park, be referred to the Housing and Neighborhood's Committee and to the Parks and Recreation Commission for a recommendation.

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