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Date: July 14, 2009

To: HONORABLE MAYOR AND MEMBERS OF THE CITY COUNCIL

From: Robert Garcia, Councilmember First District *RG*
Suja Lowenthal, Councilmember Second District *SL*
Dee Andrews, Councilmember Sixth District *DA*

Subject: **AGENDA ITEM:** Request To Rename Queen Mary Special Events Park In Honor Of Harry Bridges

DISCUSSION

In July of 2008, the Long Beach City Council voted to recognize legendary International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union founding president, Harry Bridges, by proclaiming July 28th as Harry Bridges Day in the City of Long Beach. In memory of this proclamation, we have received a request from the local members of the International Longshoreman and Warehouse Union, and Southern California District Council President, Rich Dines, to rename the Queen Mary Special Events Park to *Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary*.

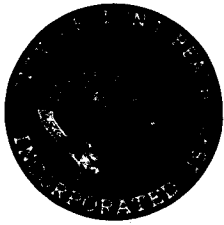
The legendary longshore union leader was known as a humble dockworker that rose to become one of the leading national figures in the labor movement. He was a modest man that fought for the rights of thousands of workers regardless of race, religion, national origin or political belief.

On July 5th of 1934, Harry lead the ILWU to in the historic strike of 1934 along the Pacific seaboard, which is known as "Bloody Thursday" because of the two lives that were lost and the blood that was shed on that day. In the long run, this strike stimulated other organizations and helped raise the standards of living for every man, woman, and child along the coast of California.

Today, the ILWU members work diligently to keep our port running strong and they continue to be the backbone of our country's economic engine.

RECOMMENDATION

We respectfully request that the Long Beach City Council name the Queen Mary Special Events Park, as the "Harry Bridges Memorial Park at the Queen Mary" and that this request be referred to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.



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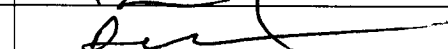
REQUEST TO ADD AGENDA ITEM

Date: July 10, 2009
To: Larry Herrera, City Clerk
From: Councilmember Dee Andrews
Subject: Request to Add Agenda Item to Council Agenda of July 14, 2009

Pursuant to Municipal Code Section 2.03.070 [B], the City Councilmembers signing below request that the attached agenda item (due in the City Clerk Department by Friday, 12:00 Noon) be placed on the City Council agenda under New Business via the supplemental agenda.

The agenda title/recommendation for this item reads as follows:

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Council District	Authorizing Councilmember	Signed by
1	Robert Garcia	
2	SUJA LOWENTHAL	
6	Dee Andrews	

Attachment: Staff Report dated July 14, 2009

CC: Office of the Mayor