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Office of Robert Garcia **R-18**
Council Member, First District
Memorandum

Date: August 4, 2009
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Council Member Robert Garcia, First District 
Subject: Naming new dog park at Pacific and Ninth "K-9 Corner"

Background:

A new Dog Park has been constructed at Pacific Avenue and Ninth Street. The park, which was proposed by the North Pine Neighborhood Alliance, is the result of collaboration between the city, the MTA and community leaders. The new park will be the first Dog Park on the Westside and an important addition to a community with limited open space and many dogs.

Administrative Regulation 8-7 applies to the naming of all public land, buildings, and facilities and provides several policies to guide the consideration of a naming request, including "A name in honor of a person or persons who have served the nation, the State of California, and/or the City of Long Beach in an exceptional or distinguished manner may be appropriate if warranted by service of major significance."

The use of dogs in police work is an extremely important means of keeping residents safe and enforcing the law. The officers who train and handle police dogs are deserving of special recognition, and this park provides that opportunity. Naming the park "K-9" would be a small gesture of recognition and appreciation for these brave public servants.

K-9 also denotes the location of the park, which is on Ninth Street. Residents have requested the park be named "K-9 Corner".

Recommendation:

Recommend designating the new dog park at Pacific and Ninth as "K-9 Corner," and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Commission and to the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee.