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Memorandum
Councilmember
Patrick O'Donnell
4th District

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Date: January 17, 2006

To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers

From: Patrick O'Donnell, 4th District Councilmember *POT*

Subject: Tom Buckle Field

Recommended Action

I ask that the Council join me in officially dedicating the south baseball field at Stearns Champion Park as "Tom Buckle Field," and that this item be referred to the Housing and Neighborhood Subcommittee and the Parks and Recreation Commission.

Background

In anticipation of the Council's support, I hope to hold a dedication ceremony for Tom Buckle Field on March 4, 2006.

Tom Buckle Field was unofficially dedicated by Scott Chamberlain, then President of Long Beach Little League, at Opening Day in 2004. Due to the fact that Mr. Buckle had not been deceased more than one year, the City Council was not able to recognize the dedication officially at the time. Mrs. Alice Buckle looked on and her family was in attendance. Her great grandson played in a game that day.

Mr. Buckle volunteered for 30 years at Stearns Park and served as President of the Little League. He was considered to be a great community leader and a hero to the Little League children.

Stearns Champions Park comprises 20.9 acres and features volleyball and basketball courts, open space for picnics, a soccer field, a playground, and a community center. The park also offers youth recreation, adult class, and senior programs.