DATE: July 9, 2019
TO: $\quad$ Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, District 2
Vice Mayor Dee Andrews, District 6 OA
Councilmember Al Austin, District 8 ( $L$
Councilmember Rex Richardson, District 9


SUBJECT: Recommend Naming the Main Library the "Billie Jean King Main Library".

## RECOMMENDATION:

Consider a request from community members to name the new Main Library "Billie Jean King Main Library" and refer this item to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for consideration.

## DISCUSSION

The new Main Library, set to open on September 21st, 2019, will transform downtown with a bright, welcoming, modern space and programs for all members of the Long Beach community. There is no secret that well-funded and programmed libraries have a positive impact on the social determinants of health. Libraries can offer a safe place for individuals living with abuse, fighting loneliness, experiencing homelessness, and connect them with resources.

Councilwoman Pearce asked the community members to share their naming suggestions via email and social media. Over 1,200 people sent suggestions, but one name surpassed all the rest, Billie Jean King. It's clear from reading the list, Long Beach has many community leaders deserving of recognition in the community.

The diversity in support given to the world-famous tennis player, Billie Jean King, represents an array of values to our City, all which will continue to inspire those who come through our library doors. Her leadership in sports, the LGBTQ community, fighting for equality for everyone regardless of their race, class, or orientation has changed the World, making many in Long Beach extremely proud.

It is with this in mind we respectfully ask that the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee support the community request and name the Main Library the "Billie Jean King Main Library."

This matter was reviewed by Budget Manager, Grace H. Yoon on June 27, 2019.

## FISCAL IMPACT

This recommendation requests the City Council to consider a request from community members to name the new Main Library "Billie Jean King Main Library" and refer this item to the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee for consideration. Implementing this recommendation is
anticipated to result in a moderate impact to staff hours beyond normal budgeted scope of duties and a moderate impact of City Council priorities.

# Billie Jean King 

July 3, 2019

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Councilmembers,
I was thrilled to learn the brand new state-of-the-art Main Library at the corner of Broadway and Pacific downtown will have its unveiling this summer. What an amazing gift to the city of Long Beach.

Libraries are the core of our country's communities and as a child growing up in the Wrigley Heights neighborhood of Long Beach, our family regularly visited the Dana Neighborhood Library, the Bret Harte Neighborhood Library, and Burnett Neighborhood Library. I have always loved reading and was also fond of each of the libraries at Los Cerritos Elementary School, John Evans Hughes Junior High School, and at Long Beach Polytechnic High School, home of the Jack Rabbits.

It is deeply humbling to have my name in consideration for the naming of the Main Library. This honor would represent my life coming full circle, and my complete belief of having a commonplace for the community, where all are equally welcome and have access to visit, learn, and grow.

Each and every day, I feel grateful to have been born and raised in Long Beach and have always been so proud to call it my hometown. Without the support of the Long Beach Tennis Patrons, the Long Beach Century Club, and the city's public service offerings, I wouldn't be who I am today. Long Beach fostered my dreams. I hope to help foster the dreams of many more in Long Beach, by giving back to the library and engaging many in learning about courage and equality.

I look forward to continuing to work with the Long Beach community with the same passion, care, and opportunity that I was given in my youth.

Thank you for your commitment to enrich the lives of the residents of Long Beach with this new library.

Sincerely,


[^0]June 15, 2019

## To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Main Library Naming Committee

## Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council,

We are excited to see the City opening a brand new, 93,000 square foot library as part of our Downtown Civic Center. It will be a beautiful palace of learning fit for a King, but built for you and me. It will have state of the art technology for the public to use and learn on, meeting rooms, lounge areas with park views, the best accessibility options in the nation, and yes, more power outlets than ever before seen in a library.

Libraries are pathways to fulfillment and success. They are safe places where anyone can spend their time--where children find the skills to be adults, and where adults find the spark that reminds them to dream.

The City has come far in embracing diversity and equality and has sent a message to the community that the local government wants to celebrate their bravery, and create safe places for people who might not be safe at home. We know many of our schools and libraries are named after men who have passed. Today we, the undersigned, ask that the City Council consider a name that inspires determination, courage, grit, and a spirit of uplifting everyone regardless of race, class, gender, or sexual orientation.

The library deserves a name that does this for Long Beach, a name that will make the world turn their head and see how far we all have come in the name of equality for all.

We propose the Billie Jean King Library.

Billie Jean King is a homegrown Long Beach heroine. She credits our libraries and our parks for her success. She is a graduate of Poly High School and has returned to Long Beach to give back and thank the city.

Billie Jean King has an extensive history of breaking boundaries and re-creating norms. She is a former World No. 1 professional tennis player winning 39 Grand Slam titles.

She is regarded by many in the sport as one of the greatest women's tennis players of all time. King was inducted into the International Tennis Hall of Fame in 1987. She also founded the Women's Tennis Association and The Women's Sports Foundation. She beat Bobby Riggs in the historic 1973 "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match, a groundbreaking historical moment when notes in her recent children's book that she also realized she identified as gay.

In 1972 she was, along with John Wooden, the joint winner of the Sports llustrated 'Sportsman of the Year' award. She became Time Magazine's Person of the Year in 1975. She has also received the Presidential Medal of Freedom and was inducted into the National Women's Hall of Fame in 1990.

King is also an established author, an advocate for gender equality and has long been a pioneer for equality and social justice.

We applaud Councilwoman Pearce for reminding Long Beach that the Main Library is not just books, but a place that will be filled with stories of people who inspire young and old to be in competition with their best selves, a place that offers safety and community. No one is a better example of a life lived with this courage than Billie Jean King.

A jewel herself, Billie Jean King is the perfect Long Beach Hometown Hero to dawn her name on our City's new Jewel Box, The Long Beach Main Library. Named in her honor, the new Main Library will serve to lead future athletes, scientists, authors, designers and all others to great accomplishments and goals that will reward us for generations to come.

We ask that you consider Billie Jean King as the new name of the Main Library.

Sincerely,
Juan Benitez, LBUSD School Board Member
Rocio Torres, AOC7 Board Member
Ennette Morton, Commissioner, Youth and Families
Darick Simpson, Executive Director, Long Beach Community Action Partnership
Dianne Mcninch, Former President LBCCD Governing Board of Trustees

Dear Honorable Mayor and City Council,
We are excited to see the City of Long Beach open a brand new library as part of our Downtown Civic Center. Libraries are pathways to fulfillment and success. They are safe places where anyone can spend their time while seeking knowledge and growth. Within the walls of libraries children find the skills to be adults, while adults rekindle the spark that reminds them to dream. The City has grown a great deal in the past several years demonstrating that it embraces diversity and equality. This has sent a message to the community that our local government wants to boldly celebrate the pride it takes in creating places for all people. Still, we have noticed that several of our local institutions of knowledge such as schools and libraries are named in honor of men who have passed. This is not representative of the rich diversity that makes up the city we love.

We as leaders, neighbors, and friends of the LGBTQ community, are all members of various identities who believe the time is long overdue to have an institution within our city that embraces and inspires LGBTQ youth. It should be a place that encourages all children to have the bravery for a vision to never waiver and unapologetically be who they are regardless of gender or sexual orientation. We ask that the City Council consider a name that inspires strength, courage, bravery, and a spirit of uplifting all people. For us that person is Billie Jean King.

As a graduate of Poly High School, Billie Jean King is a product of Long Beach intuitions. She knows firsthand what it is like to not be represented equally amongst the competition. Yet in the face of adversity she overcame many barriers to become one of the greatest women tennis players of all time. This was an uphill battle that she faced at a time when it was not acceptable to be out and proud. Still, she persevered. Many of us within the community can relate to such struggles when working hard to be true to ourselves.

Billie Jean King credits our libraries and our parks for her success. Not just a pioneering athlete, King is also an established author, who advocates for gender equality and social justice. That is why we feel no one on the national level inspires us more than Long Beach's very own Billie Jean King. Billie Jean King is nothing short of a Long Beach heroine. That is why we ask you to consider Billie Jean King as the new name of the Main Library.

Sincerely,

| Cory Allen | Anthony Barr | Herlinda Chico | Mia Farrow |
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May 31, 2019

Mayor Garcia and Councilmembers,

On behalf of Long Beach Century Club's Board of Directors and 500 Members please accept this letter of endorsement for naming the Main Library in honor of Billie Jean King.

The Long Beach Century Club which was formed in 1957 has a long history with Ms. King. Early in her career the Century Club was instrumental by providing financial support for her first trip to Wimbledon in 1961. Over the years Ms. King has warmly and publicly remembered her deep Long Beach roots and graciously mentions the support she received from her hometown.

Billie Jean King graduated from Poly whose motto 'Home of Scholars and Champions' left a lasting impression. We believe it is fitting that Billie Jean King should leave a lasting impression on the City of Long Beach.


President Long Beach Century Club


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| BENNETT | RICK | LONG BEACH | 90803 |
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| BERRY, III | RICHARD | SAN CLEMENTE | 92673 |
| BERSHTEL | NATAN | LONG BEACH | 90808 |
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| BLAIR | BOB | LONG BEACH | 90803 |
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| CRISSMAN | CHRISTINA | LOS ALAMITOS | 90720 |
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| ELLIS | JOHN | LONG BEACH | 90808 |
| EVANS | JEFF | LONG BEACH | 90808 |
| EVERSON | TOM | SEAL BEACH | 90740 |
| FACKRELL | TOM | SEAL BEACH | 90740 |
| FAIRBANKS | DALE | LONG BEACH | 90808 |
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| FORD | CAMERON | LONG BEACH | 90815 |
| FOSTER-P/P 1988 | RICHARD | HUNTINGTON BEACH | 92646 |
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| HALLORAN-P/P 2010 | MARK | LONG BEACH | 90814 |
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| HOYT-P/P 2008 | ROBERT | LONG BEACH | 90808 |
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| HUGHES | DONNA | SEAL BEACH | 90740 |
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NAMING THE NEW DOWNTOWN MAIN LIBRARY

The City of Long Beach is looking for recommendations from the community for the naming of the new Main Library in downtown Long
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June 14, 2019

Mayor Robert Garcia
Members of Long Beach City Council
333 W. Ocean Blvd., 14 ${ }^{\text {th }}$ Floor
Long Beach, CA 90802
Dear Mayor Garcia and Members of Long Beach City Council,
The LGBTQ Center Long Beach congratulates you on the incredible redevelopment of the Downtown Civic Center. With the addition of a brand new 93,000 square foot library, our residents of all ages will have even greater opportunity to enhance literacy, participate in public program, and build community at our newest City library.

With the exception of Harvey Milk Park, there are no other significant cultural, civic, or educational facilities currently named after an openly LGBTQ person in the city. The Center wholeheartedly supports current efforts to name the Main Library in honor of Billie Jean King.

King is an internationally recognized sports legend, Long Beach native, philanthropist, and advocate for women and the LGBTQ community. As someone who was once ranked the best women's tennis player in the world, King is one of Long Beach's most recognizable and successful athletes. Throughout her career and professional sports retirement, King has been a champion for women through her own public voice, philanthropic efforts, and personal activism. As one of the first professional athletes to come out publicly, King is also a pioneer and groundbreaking figure within the LGBTQ social justice movement.

There is no local legend more deserving than King, an international leader and role model who will continue to inspire new generations.

Thank you for considering this incredible naming opportunity for our Main Library.
Should you have any questions regarding this letter of support, please do not hesitate to contact me.
Sincerely,


Porter Gilberg
Executive Director

May 30, 2019

Long Beach City Council<br>Long Beach, California

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,
This letter is to lend my support and full endorsement of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of BILLIE JEAN KING.

It was a tremendous pleasure to welcome Billie Jean King and her partner Ilana Kloss to the ownership group of the LA Dodgers in 2018. Their partnership has sent positive waves throughout not only baseball but the entire sports community. Having a fearless athlete and advocate like Billie Jean King in our group has reinforced that every decision made is inclusive, welcoming, and provides equal opportunities.

Her feat against Bobby Riggs in 1973 and raising of millions of dollars for AIDS causes and the LGBTQ community is a testament to her trailblazing leadership and compassion to create an equal society. She continues to support philanthropic endeavors and champion the next generation of leaders by providing vision, access, and advocacy through the Billie Jean King Leadership Initiatives. It communicates an incredible message to female athletes, businesswomen, and LGBTQ citizens across the globe that they are equal and beyond capable.

I cannot think of a more credible individual to be recognized and have the naming of the Long Beach Main Library than its hometown hero, Billie Jean King. She has done so much for so many and her legacy should be commemorated. She will be remembered by the next generation for her passion, persistence, and above all, purpose to do the right thing.

I am fully supportive of the naming of the Main Library "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library."

Sincerely;


Earvin Johnson Jr.
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer of Magic Johnson Enterprises
Co-Owner, LA Dodgers

May 29, 2019

## Long Beach City Council

Long Beach, California
Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,
This letter is to lend my support and full endorsement of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of BILLIE JEAN KING. As one of the few women who hold positions of power in sports and entertainment in America, I know that I would not have had the confidence or belief in myself were it not for the bravery and influence of Billie Jean King.

Billie Jean King is respected by men and women for her accomplishments both in the sports and business arenas and she is someone who has continuously stood up for those without a voice. As someone who interacts with the next generation daily, I appreciate the value of symbols and how powerful a name on a building can be. As Billie Jean always says, "the more you know about history, the more you know about yourself" and I want every young girl and boy to know her story and understand the power of what is possible. Libraries at their very core are places where people can dream. We should ensure the name on the front of this building represents the very epitome of how dreams can become a reality.

Please reach out with any questions and know that you have my full support and championing of the naming of the Main Library "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library".

Sincerely,


Jeanie Buss
Co-Owner and CEO
Los Angeles takers
jeanieb@la-lakers.com

May 29, 2019

Long Beach City Council<br>Long Beach, California

## Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,

This letter is to lend my support and full endorsement of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of BILLIE JEAN KING.

As one of the most significant and important Americans in history - and a native of Long Beach - Billie Jean has led a life committed to equality for all and she developed those values in her hometown of Long Beach.

Billie Jean King is respected by men and women for her accomplishments both in the sports and business arenas and she is someone who has continuously stood up for those without a voice. As Billie Jean always says "the more you know about history, the more you know about yourself" and I want every young girl and boy to know Billie Jean's story and understand the power of what is possible. Libraries at their very core are an integral part of the community where people can go to learn and gather and dream. They are inclusive and inviting for everyone. We should ensure the name on the front of this building represents the very epitome of how dreams can become a reality.

Please reach out with any questions and know that you have my full support and championing of the naming of the Main Library to "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library". Let's all be on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Nichol Whiteman
Chief Executive Office
Los Angeles Dodgers Foundation

# USCAnnenberg 

School for Communication and Journalism

May 30, 2019

Long Beach City Council<br>Long Beach, California

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,
I am writing in support of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of Billie Jean King.
Billie Jean has made a profound impact on the sport of tennis and maybe more importantly in the fight for equal rights, securing her place as a significant figure in both sports and American history. She is highly respected for her accomplishments beyond the court, continuously standing up for those without a voice. I've personally known Billie Jean for over 30 years and have watched in admiration while she used her stature as a sports hero to fight for social justice. The drive and intensity she had as an athlete carried through in her fight for equality. It is without a doubt that Billie Jean's upbringing in Long Beach provided the foundation and determination she needed to become a social change leader.

By naming the library in her honor, both Long Beach and Southern California residents will get the opportunity to learn and be inspired by Billie Jean's story. Libraries at their very core are an integral part of the community where people go to learn, exchange ideas and dream. They are inclusive and inviting for everyone. We should ensure the name on the front of this building represents the very epitome of how dreams can become a reality.

You have my full support and championing of the naming of the Main Library to "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library." Thank you very much for your consideration and please do not hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Sincerely,



# anet S. Dial, Vice President for University Advancement and Executive Director California State University, Los Angeles Foundation 

May 31, 2019
Long Beach City Council
Long Beach, California
Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,
I am writing today in support of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of BILLIE JEAN KING.

As an alum of California State University, Los Angeles, Billie Jean King has a sincere connection to the institution and the diverse population of people it serves. Cal State LA is ranked first in the nation for propelling a higher percentage of students from the bottom fifth of income into the top fifth of U.S. earners. In 1997, BJK received an honorary doctorate and over the past 20 years has participated in the "BJK and Friends Gala" which has raised significant funds to establish the Billie Jean King Scholarship and the Joe Shapiro Scholarship to support the Division II athletic teams and program. The entire athletic complex is named, "The Billie Jean King Sports Complex" and in 2016 the CSU Board of Trustees approved the naming of a new facility that Billie Jean King championed, to be known as the "Rosie Casals and Pancho Gonzales Tennis Center". Billie Jean King is an incredible ambassador for California and as a native of Long Beach she undoubtedly inspires so many in this community.

Every young person and adult should know Billie Jean's story and be inspired by what is possible with hard work and determination. Libraries at their very core are an integral part of the community where people can go to learn and gather and dream. They are inclusive and inviting for everyone. Naming the library after Billie Jean King would be an honor for her and for the City of Long Beach. It would emphasize and elevate the story of a Long Beach native that is the very epitome of how dreams can become a reality. What an inspiration it would be!

I am happy to answer any questions and lend my full support to the naming of the Main Library as "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library". Let's all be on the right side of history.

Sincerely,

Janet S. Dial, Executive Director California State University, Los Angeles

2800 Studebaker Road Long Beach, CA 90815 (562) 425-0553

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Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council,
In reference to the naming of the new Long Beach Main Library, I would like to recommend it being named after Billie Jean King.

I started playing tennis back in 1970 when I was 9 years old. It was a family sport-my parents were my first teachers. They introduced me and my sister to the game and the sport I grew to love, excel at, and would eventually become the focal point of a successful career, including being the Director of Tennis for over 25 years at Billie Jean King Tennis Center here in Long Beach. I am convinced none of this would have been possible without the groundbreaking, pioneering work of Long Beach legend, Billie Jean King.

I am honored to call Billie Jean a good friend and former business partner. Not only has she inspired and continues to inspire young girls and women to pick up a tennis racquet and compete, but because of her daring leadership and willingness to break norms, she paved the way for women to receive equal pay for their skills and talents at a time when this concept was practically unheard of, and was certainly not in the political spotlight as it is today. A tennis icon and activist, she broke ranks with the male-dominated USTA, formed the WTA (Women's Tennis Association) and fought courageously for equal rights and equal pay for women, fulfilling her lifelong dream to give women's tennis the prominence it deserved.

Yes, Billie Jean is a fighter, and she is a winner. In typical Billie Jean fashion, she won the "Battle of the Sexes" tennis match against Bobby Riggs in 1973, which not only promoted and recognized women's tennis, but also broke TV records, being viewed by 90 million people worldwide.

Our Long Beach native, Billie Jean King, has worked tirelessly to give back to the sport she loves, to the community she grew up in, and to the friends and associates who have supported her along her journey. Not only is she a tennis icon, former World \#1, and champion who holds 39 Grand Slam titles, more importantly she's an inspiration to us all as a human being. Her life is a shining example for each of us, sending the message that it is possible to make significant change in the world. She inspires us to become the best we can be, fight for what we believe is right, achieve our highest goals and aspirations, and show kindness and generosity toward others.

The Long Beach community should be deeply humbled, honored and proud to call Billie Jean King one of our own. What better way to show our appreciation to this wonderful pioneer of women's rights, this woman of strength, tenacity, integrity, and courage by naming the new Long Beach Main Library after Billie Jean King.

Cathy Jacobson
President- First Serve Tennis, Inc.

June 5, 2019

Dear Mayor Garcia and City Council,
I am writing to express my support for the proposed naming of the new downtown library after Billie Jean King.

As a lifetime resident of Long Beach, I do believe her background and international recognition as a Long Beach native while setting new cultural standards is befitting of this recognition.

The naming of the Billie Jean King Library would be a great message for generations to come on how to pursue dreams and achieve at the highest level.

While I have never met Ms. King, I do believe the message of naming the library for such a strong individual It is a natural fit and excellent message.

Thank you for your consideration.

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John Costello
2844 Radnor Avenue
Long Beach, CA 90815
jjcbeme@yahoo.com

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June 2019

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council,

My name is Benny Garcia and I have been a resident in the city of Long Beach for over 15 years. 1 have worked in the sports industry my entire career most recently with the Los Angeles Lakers and now currently in the athletic department of Long Beach State (3 years). It has come to my attention that the new library in downtown will be renamed once it opens. I don't know if there is anyone more deserving then our own Billie Jean King.

Billie Jean King has been a role model for so many people across the country and abroad. This would be a perfect opportunity to educate and inspire future generations of our youth on her importance. Not only is she considered one of the best tennis players of all-time but more importantly a pioneer for social justice.

She embodies everything that is Long Beach. Her push for gender equality and leadership in all facets of social justice make her the perfect person for every youth in our community to see upon entering the library.

Thank you,

Benny Garcia
Director, Sales and Service

June 3, 2019
Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council:
I am honored and excited to support the effort to name the new main library downtown after Billie Jean King. As a History teacher and Varsity tennis coach at Long Beach Poly High School for over twenty-six years I can't think of anyone else who more embodies what our city should represent and continue striving to be like. As a graduate of Long Beach Poly High School, Ms. King's life, and accomplishments are a reminder to my students and players of what's possible in their lives through hard work and dedication. As a teacher I have also used examples from her life to help my students and players better understand that there is more to their lives than just playing a game or winning. In my opinion, these are qualities that make her an excellent candidate and role model to represent the city. I wholeheartedly recommend her and appreciate your consideration on this matter.

Sincerely,
Ricardo A. Montecinos
AP US History Teacher
Girls/Boys Varsity Tennis Coach

May 31, 2019
Re: Support of Naming the Long Beach Main Library after the great Billie Jean King
Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council:
My name is Torie Frapwell and I am a teacher and tennis coach at Millikan High School in Long Beach, CA. I have been the tennis coach at Millikan for 13 years now and have worked with hundreds of young tennis players in that time.

I personally began playing tennis when I was 8 years old at El Dorado Tennis Center in Long Beach. I also played on the Millikan Tennis Team in high school and have been a huge supporter of Long Beach State Tennis as a CSULB Alumni. Needless to say, tennis has been an important part of my life in the City of Long Beach as far back as I can remember. One of my fondest memories was meeting Linsay Davenport back in the late 90 's. As a strong female tennis player, she was one of my idols.

Today, the players on my team don't know who Lindsay Davenport is, but when we talk about great women in tennis, they ALL know Billie Jean King. We all take great pride in the fact that such an incredible woman and role model is from Long Beach.

I believe that naming the new public library after such an important female figure from our city sends a positive message to the countless young athletes of Long Beach. We need to recognize and honor more women like Billie Jean King to help guide our youth towards positive and healthy lifestyles.

Please feel free to contact me with any further questions or concerns.
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Sincerely,
Torie Frapwell
Millikan High School
Head Tennis Coach
PEACE Academy, English 3-4
AVID, 12th Grade

June 1, 2019
To Whom It May Concern:
It has been called to my attention that the City of Long Beach is considering changing the name of our downtown public library. Our city-by-the-sea has long been associated with diversity, acceptance and excellence for several generations. There are many people in our community that may fit into the collaboration of these exceptional categories, but no one represents these ideals more than our "native daughter", BillyJean King.

What better way to embrace our community and our library than to brand it with a name that embraces the values of Long Beach and a life well-lived in our city. Billy Jean King grew up in an era that was less than accepting of the power of women and untraditional relationships, but as she advocated for gender equality and social justice in the world of sports, she also increased these issues for women in the everyday world. In no small way, she helped all of us, in our City Long Beach, to eventually embrace these values as well.

Please consider rewarding this exemplary woman by naming our library after Billy Jean King. Not only would this be a tribute to her, but a badge of courage to be displayed for our lovely city.

Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration and honor to Billy Jean King.

Kindly,
Marilyn Frapwell
Resident of the City of Long Beach for 40 years

Dear Honorable Mayor Garcia and City Council members,
I am writing on behalf of the Long Beach Tennis Patrons organization, of which I have been a member for forty years. This organization was founded in Long Beach in 1955 to aid, assist, encourage and develop promising amateur tennis players. We are the organization which helped to send Billie Jean Moffit, then a student at Long Beach Poly High School, to Wimbledon. While we are proud that the name of Billie Jean King is being considered for the new Library, we would like to highlight that she is much more than a tennis player. Because of Billie Jean's support of equal opportunity, women as well as men have competitive athletic teams in colleges under Title Nine. Just as both men and women, rich or poor, have equal rights to the wonders of a library, so Billie Jean King has opened the eyes of the world that both women and men should have the right to equal pay for equal work regardless of gender. Before she championed the right of woman players to receive equal pay for winning a tournament, men players winning the same tournament received much more money.
Billie Jean King's name stands for important civic ideals. She changed history.

## Sincerely,

## Jane Quest

Long Beach Tennis Patrons

Long Beach City Council
Long Beach, California

Dear Members of the Long Beach City Council,

I am writing today in support of the naming of the Long Beach Main Library in honor of BILLIE JEAN KING.

As one of the most significant and important Americans in history - and a native of Long Beach - Billie Jean has led a life committed to equality for all and she developed those
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values in her hometown of Long Beach. Her contributions to the sports world, and especially to women's sports, are unmatched. I'll never forget, as a girl of 16, watching her beat Bobby Riggs in the tennis match heard 'round the world. It was a powerful moment for girls and women everywhere. And an equally powerful one for boys and men. Since then, I've watched Billie Jean King's leadership in the sports world generally and have admired her philanthropic pursuits. She has always been a tremendous role model in the best sense of the word.

Throughout her career, Billie Jean King, has done more than be an inspiration to women. She has been an inspiration to people of all genders for her accomplishments both in the sports and business arenas. She also has consistently stood up for those without a voice, including LGBTQ people. As Billie Jean always says "the more you know about history, the more you know about yourself." It's hard to imagine a better Long Beach shero after whom the library could be named.

Every young person and adult should know Billie Jean's story and be inspired by what is possible with hard work and determination, no matter what odds may be stacked against you. Libraries at their very core are an integral part of the community where people can go to learn and gather and dream. They are inclusive and inviting for everyone. Naming the library after Billie Jean King would be an honor for her and for the City of Long Beach. It would emphasize and elevate the story of a Long Beach native that is the very epitome of how dreams can become a reality. What an inspiration it would be!

I am happy to answer any questions and lend my full support to the naming of the Main Library as "The Billie Jean King Long Beach Main Library". Let's all be on the right side of history.



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