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From: Anita Harris [mailto:aharris29@msn.com]

Sent: Monday, August 9, 2021 10:41 PM To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Cc: Charles Brown < Charles. Brown@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Renaming Chittick Field

-EXTERNAL-

It is my recommendation that Chittick Field be renamed after former Councilman Dee Andrews.

Sincerely,

Anita Harris

Sent from my iPad

From: Tasha W. Hunter African American Cultural Center LB [mailto:aaccoflb@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 6:24 AM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Comment for GPE Oversite Committee for Agenda Item

## -EXTERNAL-

Good Day City Clerk and Committee Members, my name is Tasha W. Hunter and I wanted to say thank you for seeing this agenda item to be renamed the "Dee Andrews Sports Complex at Chittick Field". This honor to former Vice Mayor Dee Andrew is significant and shows that we are thankful for his contributions to the City of Long Beach as an athlete, educator, leader and friend. It is my hope that this item will go to the full City Council for approval. Thank you.

Tasha W. Hunter, MFA

From: GREGORY SANDERS ROCK [mailto:gsanders@therocktoday.com]

Sent: Tuesday, August 10, 2021 4:12 PM To: CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov >

Subject: SUPPORT FOR THE DEE ANDREWS ITEM

-EXTERNAL-

Dear City of Long Beach Mayor, Council and City Clerk.

My name is Gregory Sanders. I am the President of the Long Beach Ministers Alliance.

This email is in support of the Agenda Item to rename Chittick Field in honor of Dee Andrew's.

This is a well deserved honor based on his many years of committed care, service and commitment to the 6th District.

We wholehearted support this opportunity and recognition.

I submit this letter on behalf of The Long Beach Ministers Alliance as well as other faith-based partners city wide.

Sincerely,

**Gregory Sanders** 

Sent from my iPad

From: Judy Seal [mailto:jseal0917@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Tuesday, July 27, 2021 10:46 AM **To:** CityClerk < CityClerk@longbeach.gov>

Subject: Naming the Athletic Complex at Chittick Field after Dee Andrews

## -EXTERNAL-

July 27, 2021

Dear Long Beach City Council Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee and City Clerk,

I understand that today is the day you will consider naming the Athletic Complex at Chittick Field.

I am writing in support of the Athletic Complex at Chittick Field to be named after Long Beach Vice Mayor Dee Andrews. His lifelong service and dedication to the City of Long Beach and thousands of graduates of the Long Beach Unified School District (LBUSD) are reasons enough to honor Mr. Andrews this way. There is another reason. He was an extraordinary student and counselee of my Dad's and my Dad was his Camp Counselor at Camp Tahquitz for many years of Dee's childhood each summer. He was a very special person to my Dad, himself having had thousands of graduates from LBUSD and Long Beach City College and many years of service to our beloved City. I have a video of my Dad 48 hours before he passed away sharing his love and support of Dee. Though I have shared my Dad's video with others, I want to share a bit of it with you.

"I want to see him [Dee Andrews] to tell him I'm proud of him, everything he has accomplished and everything he has overcome. Judy, endorse him for me. Let him know I enjoyed him whenever I saw him. He watched out for the safety of other Scouts and became highly respected for his knowledge of nature and survival techniques. Dee had a lot of energy. He learned critically important safety measures and taught them to other Scouts. That smile. That smile. Dee's smile is everything." My Dad smiled the entire time he spoke of Dee. He continued.

"Dee had much to overcome in his life including living in a Long Beach that was by and large unpleasantly segregated. He did not want to be fenced into anything in his life and I respected that. Without that strength, he would not be where he is today. Nothing fell into his lap, nothing. He managed somehow to remain positive when society was not working with or for him. You do not fully understand how far Dee has come in his life, but I do. I witnessed him growing up. Yes, he was a character and still is, but he has character and character is as important to society as knowing survival skills in nature. There were no shortcuts in Dee's life. He persevered through it all, most especially the Civil Rights movements of the 1960's and 1990's. Judy, tell him I love him and that I asked for him."

Considering all that my Dad told me about Dee that day, just 48 hours before he passed away, and considering all that I witnessed of Dee in my own life, naming the Athletic Complex at Chittick Field after Vice Mayor Dee Andrews is all too fitting. It would make my Dad very happy, I know this to be true.

Camping and swimming, hiking and fishing, taking care of others and being prepared to step in to help others under any circumstance was my Dad's recipe for being of service to others and staying positive. I know because he prepared me the same way. An Athletic Complex named after Dee Andrews does not just validate the person Dee is. It validates who my Dad was. It lifts my spirits greatly and I hope I am invited to the ceremony.

With all of the sincerity I possess, thank you for your consideration,

Judy Seal