



City of Long Beach

Office of Robert Garcia  
Councilmember, First District

**Date:** February 1, 2011

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

**From:** Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District *RB*  
Councilmember Dee Andrews, Sixth District *DA*  
Councilmember James Johnson, Seventh District *mc for JJ*

**Subject:** Seaside Park

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**Background:**

A new park at 14<sup>th</sup> Street and Magnolia is set to open this month. The park will contain a soccer field, walking paths, plenty of open space, areas for children's play, and a mural dedicated to famous peacemakers.

The park was built on the site of the old Seaside Hospital. Seaside Hospital was one of the first major medical facilities in Long Beach, an anchor for the communities of Willmore City, downtown, and the west side, and the birthplace of many prominent Californians and Long Beach residents, including former Mayor Beverly O'Neill.

Seaside eventually moved and became Long Beach Memorial Hospital, continuing to contribute immensely to the health and well-being of our City. The legacy of the original Seaside Hospital is in the successes of the surrounding community, which could not have experienced such prosperity and growth in the 20<sup>th</sup> century without Seaside as an anchor.

The land for the park was donated by Los Angeles County thanks to the hard work of County Supervisor Don Knabe.

Because of Seaside's profound historical contribution to Long Beach, because of the many citizens, whether famous or unsung, who were born there, and because of the continuing contributions of Seaside's successor facility, Long Beach Memorial Hospital, it is appropriate to name this new park Seaside Park, keeping the legacy and history of this location alive.

**Recommendation:**

Request the Housing and Neighborhoods Committee consider at the earliest opportunity naming the park at 14<sup>th</sup> and Magnolia "Seaside Park", and report back to Council with its recommendation.