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**R-64**

**Date:** November 17, 2020

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

**From:** Councilwoman Jeannine Pearce, District 2  
Councilwoman Suzie Price, District 3  
Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, District 4

**Subject:** Dr. Myrna 'Mickey' Donahoe Dog Park Name Recommendation

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**RECOMMENDATION:**

Consider a request from community members to name the Bixby Park Dog Park, "Dr. Myrna 'Mickey' Donahoe Dog Park" and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation Committee for consideration.

**DISCUSSION**

The Bixby Dog Park is so fortunate to have had Myrna "Mickey" Donahoe as an advocate from its inception. Mickey's tireless persistence benefited the park in so many ways, including the establishment of the Friends of Bixby Dog Park non-profit status through Partners of Parks, the addition of new safer benches in the small dog area, a kiosk for notices, community engagement, the regular delivery of wood chips and mulch to mitigate dust, as well as the latest water stations. Mickey always had a respectful approach in her interaction with everyone. She was such an asset to the community. We are forever grateful to Myrna Donahoe and for the work she did.

Dr. Donahoe was a life-long activist, working for civil rights and social justice, including women's rights, minority rights, and worker's rights (the labor movement). She was a participant in protests and marches, including most recently for Black Lives Matter and protested against current immigration policies. She was involved in community groups, such as President of Friends of Bixby Dog Park, volunteered for Council District 2, was an advocate for senior volunteer programs, Carroll Park Neighborhood Association, trained her dogs to be therapy dogs to visit hospitals, airports and libraries.

Her compassion and caring were boundless. Her pursuit of justice for others was fierce. Her spirit was strong and gentle, principled and understanding. Myrna was a driving force behind the Southwest Labor Studies Association from the 1980s until the organization folded in 2013. Her doctoral dissertation and several publications documented the long history of worker organizing and the struggle against factory closures in Los Angeles's steel and auto industries. Myrna's



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rich oral histories with women and workers of color detailed discrimination and resistance in LA factories and unions. Her chapter in Latino Los Angeles, "Economic Restructuring and Labor Organizing in Southeast Los Angeles, 1935-2001," is essential reading for understanding the political economy and demographic shifts in Los Angeles.

It is through these community achievements we recommend this community request to name the Bixby Park Dog Park, "Dr. Myrna 'Mickey' Donahoe Dog Park.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

This recommendation requests the City Council to consider a request from community members to name the Bixby Park Dog Park, "Dr. Myrna 'Mickey' Donahoe Dog Park " and refer this item to the Parks and Recreation 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.