



City of Long Beach

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Memorandum

Councilmember Al Austin II
Eighth District

R-63

Date: November 17, 2020

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilmember Al Austin II, Eighth District
Councilwoman Mary Zendejas, First District
Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District
Councilmember Daryl Supernaw, Fourth District

Subject: Naming of Sports Complex at Chittick Field for Dee Andrews

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

Refer to the Parks and Recreation Commission and the Housing and Neighborhood Committee for consideration of naming the athletic complex at Chittick Field for Vice Mayor Dee Andrews.

BACKGROUND:

Vice Mayor Dee Andrews is completing his service on the City Council after more than 13 years representing the Sixth District. First elected in 2007, Andrews has often been referred to as the "Son of the Sixth" for his 60-year involvement with the Central Long Beach district. Andrews has served as Vice Mayor since 2018.

One of Vice Mayor Andrews' signature accomplishments on the City Council was securing the funding and overseeing the completion of a remodeled Chittick Field Sports Complex.

The new \$9.9-million, 19-acre sports complex was opened in 2014, featuring a new football field, three soccer fields, and a 400-meter all-weather track. The project also included new parking, lighting, restrooms, a bike path, and a new pump station and stormwater accommodations.

Andrews' connection with this site dates back far longer, as he played at what was then known as Hamilton Bowl in the 1950s, on his way to becoming a Poly High School athletics legend.

Given Dee Andrews' long-time connection with athletics at the Chittick Field site, and his involvement in the transformation of the athletic fields, it seems appropriate as recognition for his contributions to the Sixth District and Chittick Field to name the athletic fields at the site in his honor.

FISCAL IMPACT: No fiscal impact was able to be conducted for the referral to the appropriate commission and committee, but any fiscal impact can come back to the City Council as part of a final recommendation.