



Date: August 16, 2011
To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Robert Garcia, First District *RG*
Subject: Don Knabe Basketball Courts

Background: The basketball courts park on 14th Street at Locust are being rebuilt with brand new poles, baskets, surfacing, seating, fencing, and paint. Together they will create a basketball park of multiple courts and amenities. The completely new courts are part of the revitalization of the entire 14th street greenbelt and the surrounding community, which has included a new skate park, the new Seaside Park, and other improvements.

Los Angeles County Supervisor Don Knabe has given indispensable support to these projects, and in particular secured funding from the County to get to build the new basketball courts. Supervisor Knabe is a consistent and enthusiastic partner to the City of Long Beach, supporting our efforts to improve our City at every turn.

To honor his contributions to this project and to Long Beach, it is appropriate to name the new basketball courts at 14th Street the "Don Knabe Basketball Courts." The naming has the support of the Washington Neighborhood Association, and numerous local community leaders.

Recommendation: Recommendation to refer to the Housing & Neighborhoods Committee and the Park & Recreation Commission to consider naming the basketball courts at 14th Street and Locust "Don Knabe Basketball Courts," and report back to Council with recommendation

Fiscal Impact: There is no significant fiscal impact associated with this action.