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**Date:** April 17, 2018

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

**From:** Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District 

**Subject:** Naming of John Parkin Pocket Park

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**INTRODUCTION:**

John Parkin was a long time resident of the Bluff Park neighborhood. After his death in 2015 many neighbors were saddened to lose a community member like him. He was a resident of Bluff Park for 33 years and was a strong supporter and former board member of the local community association, the Bluff Park Neighborhood Association.

Although John is well known throughout the city for his role in addressing subsidence and the use of Long Beach oil revenues, it is his impact on his local neighborhood that many residents remember most fondly.

His friends and neighbors remember him as a humble and loyal man with great integrity and always willing to lend a helping hand. He was seen as an icon in the neighborhood who was admired by everyone.

In honor of this resident and the positive mark he left on his community, residents of Bluff Park have requested that the pocket park at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Loma Avenue be named in his honor.

**RECOMMENDATION:**

The City Council is referring to the Parks and Recreation Commission to consider naming the pocket park at 1<sup>st</sup> Street and Loma Ave in Bluff Park the "John Parkin Pocket Park" and report back to City Council within 45 days.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is not a financial impact as a result of the recommended action.