



City of Long Beach
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Date: June 6, 2021

To: Mayor and Members of the City Council

From: Councilwoman Suzie Price, Third District

Subject: Naming of Conductor Larry Curtis Concert Park in Marine Stadium Park

RECOMMENDATION:

Refer to the Marine Advisory Commission and the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee for consideration of naming a section of Marine Stadium Park the Conductor Larry Curtis Concert Park in memory of former Municipal Band Conductor Larry Curtis.

INTRODUCTION:

Larry Curtis was the Conductor for the Long Beach Municipal Band's summer concerts for 27 years. His role leading the annual summer concerts in the park made him a beloved person for Long Beach residents citywide. The municipal band is an important part of our City's history but also a great part of our summers bringing fun, positivity, and community to our parks with amazing opportunities to enjoy our Long Beach parks and our wonderful summer weather.

Larry was instrumental in the success of the Municipal Band, always advocating for the continuation of this amazing part of our City which is the country's longest running municipal band. During his time as conductor, he led the band for nearly 700 concerts. These concerts served to bring thousands of residents together on a weekly basis in friendship, and highlight the beauty our City has to offer.

Because of Larry's long-lasting impacts on our City and in particular, the Municipal Band, his name should be added to Marine Stadium Park where tens of thousands of residents would (and will continue to) enjoy summer concerts.

This matter has been reviewed by Budget Manager Grace H. Yoon on May 28, 2021.

FISCAL IMPACT:

This recommendation requests the City Council to refer to the Marine Advisory Commission and the Government, Personnel and Elections Oversight Committee for consideration of naming a section of Marine Stadium Park after former Municipal Band

Conductor Larry Curtis. The cost of a park flag sign is estimated at \$2,300, with the funding source yet to be identified. The requested action is anticipated to have a minimum impact on staff hours beyond the budgeted scope of duties and is expected to have minimum impact on existing City Council priorities.