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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Renaming of the Del Paso Heights Park to the Margarett "Mama" Marks Park
Location: Hayward Street and Roanoke Avenue, Council District 2

LOCATION

Council District 2
Hayward Street and Roanoke Avenue

SUMMARY

This report provided information concerning Margarett "Mama" Marks and recommends that the City Council, by resolution, approve the renaming of Del Paso Heights Park in honor of Margarett "Mama" Marks.

STAFF RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, rename the Del Paso Heights Park, indicated in Exhibit A, in honor of Margarett "Mama" Marks.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Del Paso Heights Park is a 4.75 acre park located at Hayward Street and Roanoke Avenue in Del Paso Heights. The park includes two (2) basketball courts, a horseshoe court, softball field, wading pool, tot lot, restrooms, adventure area, a shade structure and irrigation and landscaping. (Exhibit A)

Margarett Bessie Mae Griggs Marks was born February 22, 1914 in Pawne, Louisiana. Margarett came to Oakland, California about 1941 and worked in the shipyard as a welder during the onset of World War II.

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In the mid-fifties, Margarette relocated to Sacramento and worked as a beautician and nurse. She was actively involved with the Women's Civic Improvement Club, PTA's Foster Children, Girls drill team and the Del Paso Heights Project Area Committee.

"Mama" Marks began feeding the hungry out of the Asbury United Methodist Church in 1970 after receiving her first donation of fifty cases of soup from the Campbell Soup Company and for the next 20 years she fed, through her Arms of Mercy Program, up to 100 people on a normal day and from 500 to 600 people on holidays.

The uniqueness about "Mama" Marks "Arms of Mercy" operation was she cooked every meal herself over a 20 year period and the operation was run without grants, local, state or federal funding. Her charitable operation was funded solely from donations.

In addition to devoting her life to feeding the hungry, "Mama" Marks had a special love for children and this love was demonstrated through her helping raise 50 foster children during her lifetime. Additionally, she conducted the annual Easter Egg Hunt for the children of Del Paso Heights.

The Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Advisory Committee has requested that the Del Paso Heights Park be renamed the Margarette "Mama" Marks Park to commemorate the late Margarette Bessie Mae Griggs Mark's lifelong contribution to the quality of life of the citizens of North Sacramento and Del Paso Heights.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATION

The Del Paso Heights Redevelopment Advisory Committee will assist the City in design and funding of the appropriate signage and a plaque for the Park and will also assist with the coordination of the dedication ceremony. No City funds are requested.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS

The renaming of the subject park is consistent with the policy of naming parks in honor of local individuals who have contributed to the growth, quality of life and the development of the City and the City park system.

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No impact.

Respectfully submitted,

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RESOLUTION NO. 91-825

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF _____

RESOLUTION RENAMING THE DEL PASO HEIGHTS PARK TO THE MARGARETTE "MAMA" MARKS PARK

WHEREAS, Margarett "Mama" Marks was highly regarded and respected by the community leaders and residents of North Sacramento and Del Paso Heights; and

WHEREAS, Margarett "Mama" Marks was a dedicated and distinguished volunteer and member of a number of civic and charitable organizations, such as the Women's Civic Improvement Club, PTA's Foster Children, Girls Drill Team and the Del Paso Heights Project Area Committee and many others;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in recognition of Margarett "Mama" Marks heretofore noted achievements in the support of a quality life in Sacramento, the Del Paso Heights Park, designated in Exhibit A, be renamed the Margarett "Mama" Marks Park.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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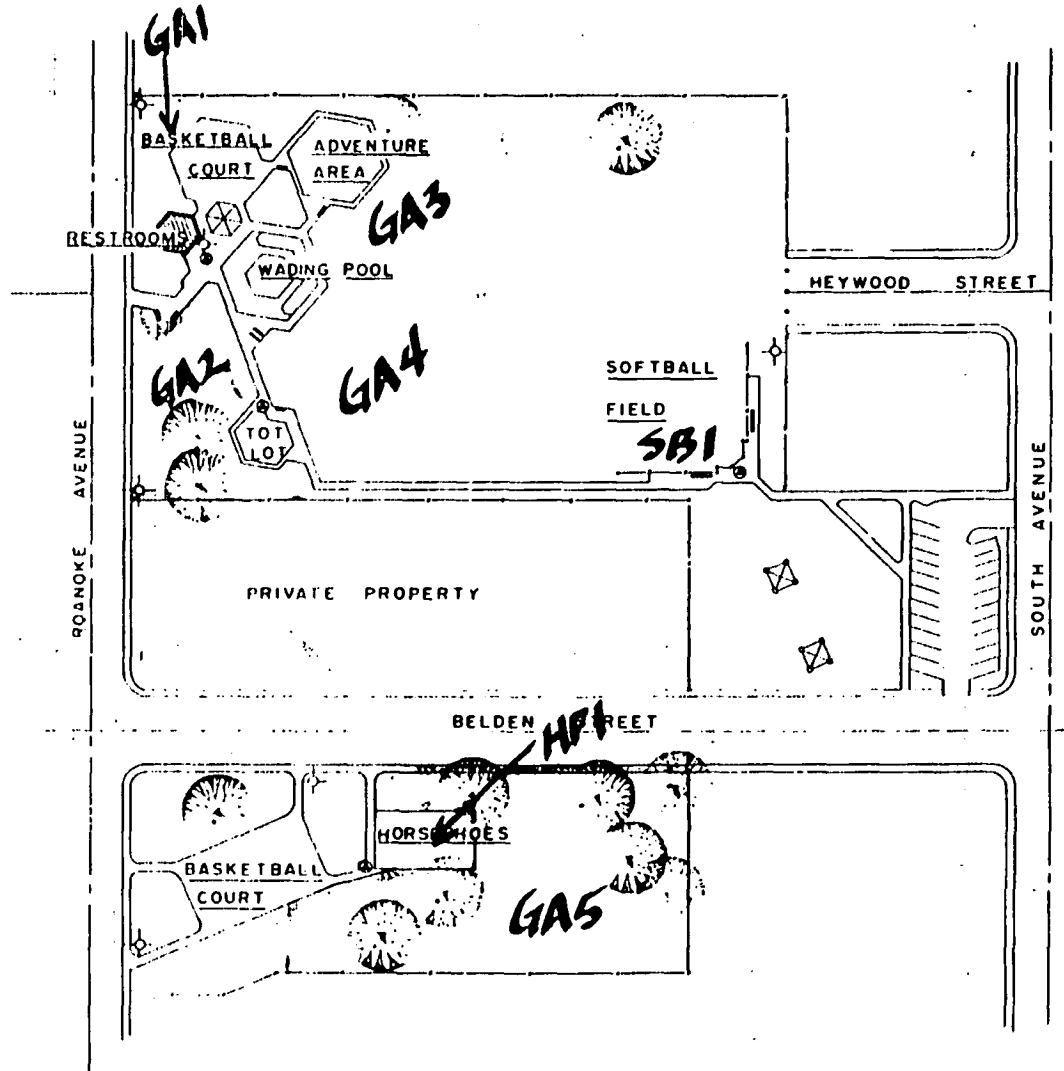
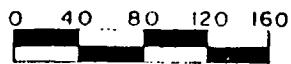
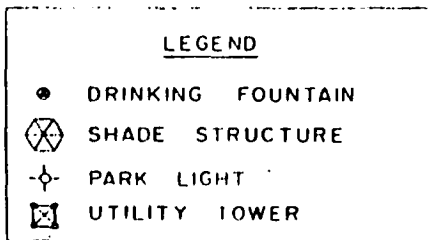
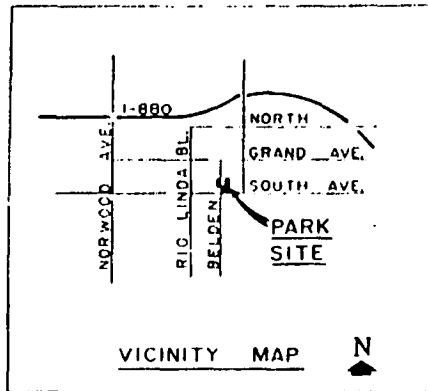
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CITY OF SACRAMENTO
DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY SERVICES



DEL PASO HEIGHTS PARK (4.75 AC)

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