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ROBERT P. THOMAS
DIRECTOR

August 31, 1983

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OFFICE OF THE
CITY CLERK

City Council
Sacramento, California 95814

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Renaming Land Park Diamond #2 to Nick Culjis, Sr. Field

SUMMARY

The Sacramento Bushers Baseball Association requested that William Land Park Diamond #2 be renamed "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field" to commemorate the late Nick Culjis's involvement in local baseball activities.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Nick Culjis sponsored for over twenty years numerous teams in the City's winter and night baseball league programs and in 1972 was the recipient of the "Sponsor of the Year Award" annually given by the Northern California Baseball Boosters Association.

He served as a member of the Board of Directors when Sacramento was a member of the Pacific Coast League on a professional level and was an original board member of the Babe Ruth League programs established locally in 1953.

Nick served as City Councilman from 1952 until 1960, as Vice Mayor in 1959 and 1960, and as Chairman of the Council's Aviation Committee. He was a widely known Sacramentan, serving on the boards of many local charitable, service and civic groups.

FINANCIAL DATA

The Sacramento Bushers Baseball Players Association will assume all costs of the acquisition and installation of a City approved sign designating the William Land Park Baseball Diamond #2 as Nick Culjis, Sr. Field.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that the City Council, by resolution, approve the designation of the William Land Park Diamond #2 as Nick Culjis, Sr. Field.

Respectfully submitted,



ROBERT P. THOMAS
Director of Community Services

Recommendation Approved:

For: Solon Wirshaw Jr.
WALTER J. SLIPE, City Manager

District 4
September 20, 1983

RPT/es
Attachment(s)

RESOLUTION NO. 83-726

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL ON DATE OF

RESOLUTION DESIGNATING WILLIAM LAND PARK BASEBALL DIAMOND #2
AS NICK CULJIS, SR. FIELD

WHEREAS, for over twenty years, Nick Culjis sponsored numerous teams in the City's Winter and Night League baseball program and was a widely known Sacramentan, serving on the boards of many local charitable, service and civic groups; and

WHEREAS, Nick Culjis served as a member of the Board of Directors when Sacramento was a member of the Pacific Coast League on a professional level; and

WHEREAS, Nick Culjis was an original board member of the Babe Ruth League program established locally in 1953; and

WHEREAS, Nick Culjis served as City Councilman from 1952 until 1960, and as Vice Mayor in 1959 and 1960 and was the chairman of the Council's Aviation Committee;

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that in memory of the late Nick Culjis, Sr. and in recognition of his heretofore recited achievements in support of recreational baseball and special events, the William Land Park Diamond #2 be, and it is hereby termed, named and called Nick Culjis, Sr. Field.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

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Baseball Players Association

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July 27, 1983

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Department of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

Dear Mr. Thomas,

The Sacramento Bushers Baseball Association requests that the Land Park baseball diamond #2 be renamed "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field" to commemorate the late Nick Culjis's involvement in local baseball activities. The following will more fully define his involvement:

- Was one of many savers keeping the Pacific Coast League team in Sacramento and served as member of the Board of Directors.
- Served on the Board of Directors of the original Babe Ruth League in 1953.
- Sponsored numerous teams in the Winter League and Night Leagues for some twenty plus years.
- In 1972 was the recipient of the "Sponsor of the Year Award" from the Northern California Baseball Boosters Association.
- In 1979 was admitted to the LaSalle Club Baseball Hall of Fame.
- A City Councilman from 1952 until 1960, he served as Vice Mayor in 1959 and 1960, and also served as Chairman of the Council's Aviation Committee.
- Mr. Culjis, a widely known Sacramentan, served on the boards of most of Sacramento's charitable, service and civic groups.

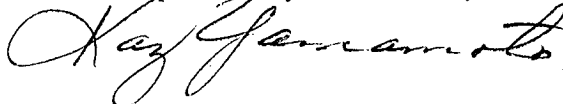
If this request is approved by the Community Service Department and subsequently the Sacramento City Council members, the Sacramento Bushers Association will assume all costs relative to acquisition and installation of a sign designating the baseball diamond as "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field".

July 27, 1983

The sign will meet all specifications as set forth by the City of Sacramento's Department of Community Services.

It is hoped that the City Council and your Department will look favorably upon this request.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Kaz Yamamoto".

KAZ YAMAMOTO
President

Northern California Baseball Boosters Association, Inc.

SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA

President
Clarence Azevedo

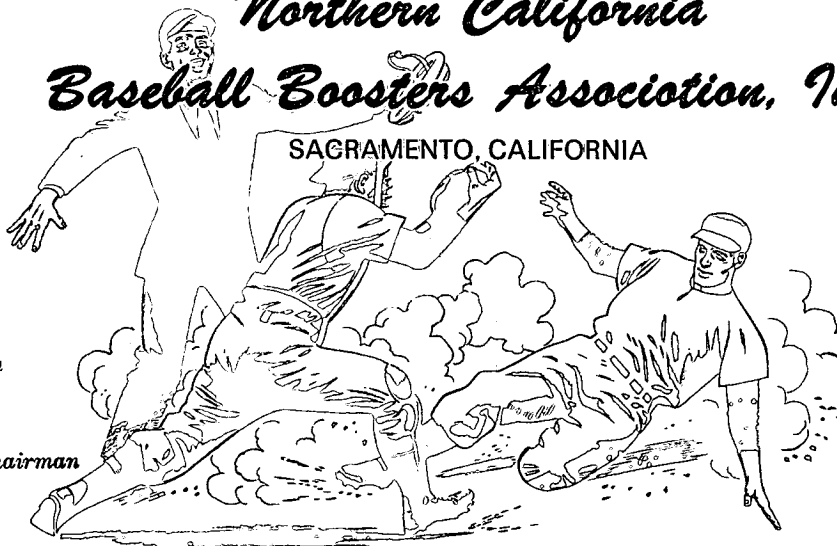
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THIRTEENTH ANNUAL
FATHER AND SONS BANQUET
JANUARY 17TH, 1974

Mr Robert P Thomas
Department of Community Services

Dear Mr Thomas -

as a life long friend of the late Nick Culy's Sr.
I am writing this letter backing the Sacramento Business Association
asking that Wilbur Hall # 2 be renamed Nick Culy's Sr Field.

Mr Culy's loved baseball - was at all of the games
when his team played and sponsored unselfishly for over
twenty one years - His love for the sport foremost, always
hardly ever considering the commercial good he might
receive - which in today's big time press his sponsorship
hardly paid off in print.

Yours Sincerely
Bill Avila

August 25, 1983

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

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DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Sacramento Community Services Department
Attn: Mr. Thomas
3520 5th Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95818

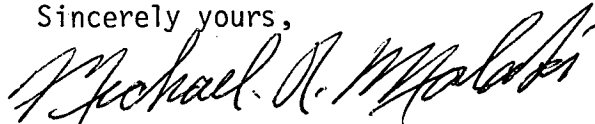
Dear Mr. Thomas:

We, the members of Southside Improvement Club sincerely urge the naming of Land Park #2 Baseball Diamond in memory of Nick G. Culjis, Sr., an outstanding citizen of the City of Sacramento.

As you know, Nick was one of our members of the City Council, and was greatly interested in the future of baseball in the City of Sacramento. He has been a sponsor of baseball teams for many years, so if there is anything that you can do, we of Southside Improvement Club would most sincerely appreciate.

Thanks for your attention.

Sincerely yours,



Michael R. Malaki
President, Southside Improvement Club

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
August 22, 1983
AUG 23 1983

Mr. Robert F. Thomas, Director,
Department of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, California 95817

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Mr. Thomas:

Mr. Culjis role as a civic leader has been pretty well documented.

Howver, in his twilight years, he really established himself as a baseball sponsor. Under the Culjis Chapel name he first entered the baseball scene in 1962.

His baseball sponsorship continued for 22 years until his passing this year. N. G. Culjis, Jr., his son, indicated that he will continue in baseball in deference to his dad's memory.

Bill Avila, a local baseball leader, played a major role in getting Culjis to become a baseball sponor. As a representative of the Philadelphia Phillies, Avila had his club co-sponsor a team with Culjis.

Avila wanted to showcase young ball players and work them into the Phillies organization which met with Culjis' approval. Despite the preponderance of youth, Culjis was able to win seven pennants in the 22 years.

In addition to developing young ball players the Culjis club also was the beginning of many of the young managers in our area. Some of the leaders were Frank Mascaro, Charles Schanz, Nino Spatafore, Joe Borich, Jerry Weinstein and Randy Zanze.

After each baseball campaign, Culjis always treated his charges to a sumptuous banquet.

A life long resident of Sacramento, Culjis graduated from Sacramento High School in 1931. He was given a football scholarship to St. Mary's after having been named All-City center for three years. Instead of persuing a college career, Culjis entered the University of California Embalming School. He eventually formed his own mortuary business in 1938.

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ATTESTED: [Signature]
NOTARY PUBLIC

ATTESTED:
He solemnly swears that the contents of the foregoing are true and correct.

1933.
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the County of [County Name] State of [State Name].

Witness my hand and seal this [Day] day of [Month] 1933.

Notary Public for the State of [State Name]

55 Years.
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the County of [County Name] State of [State Name].

Notary Public for the State of [State Name]

Witness my hand and seal this [Day] day of [Month] 1933.

Notary Public for the State of [State Name]

55 Years.
I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the original as the same appears from the records of the County of [County Name] State of [State Name].

COMMUNITY SERVICES
DENVER, COLORADO

Witness my hand and seal this [Day] day of [Month] 1933.

COMMUNITY SERVICES
DENVER, COLORADO

Yubi G. Separovich
5309 Wedge Circle
Fair Oaks, Ca. 95628

August 17, 1983

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Department of Community Service
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

AUG 23 1983

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Re: "Nick Culjis Field"

Dear Mr. Thomas:

I deem it a pleasure to concur and to endorse the request by the Sacramento Bushers Baseball Players Association that the Land Park baseball diamond No. 2 be remaned "Nick Culjus, Sr. Field."

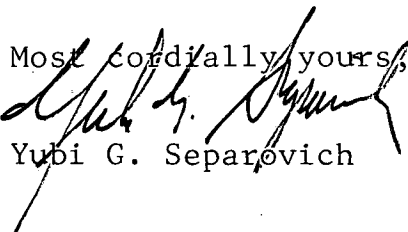
Nick's involvment in baseball stems back to his school days as a player and during his adult years as a leader and sponsor of youth activities.

His contribution cannot be measured by dollars because his involvment was directed in many ways by his activities in the community.

Nick was a civic leader and a member of numerous service, civic and charitable groups.

When we honor him with "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field" we honor all the young men who have attained a special place in this community and in organized baseball because of Nick.

Most cordially yours,


Yubi G. Separovich

AZEVEDO'S



OFFICE PHONE: 456-3873
5731 STOCKTON BLVD
SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95824

August 27, 1983

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Department of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

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COMMUNITY SERVICES

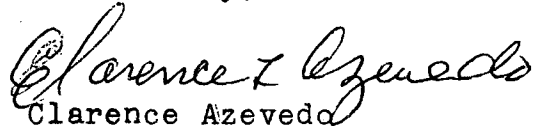
Dear Mr. Thomas,

The local Bushers Association would like Land Park
baseball diamond #2 to be renamed "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field."

When I was mayor, Nick was on the City Council with me
and served as Vice Mayor for one year.

I would consider it a real favor, if the Community
Service Department would name the diamond after an
outstanding gentleman.

Yours truly,


Clarence Azevedo

CLA/ds



August 30, 1983

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

SEP 01 1983

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Dept. of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, Ca. 95817

Dear Mr. Thomas:

The members of the American Slavic Social Club wish to add their names to those who have already endorsed the renaming of the Land Park Baseball Diamond #2 to the Nick Culjis, Sr. Field.

Mr. Culjis was a member of our Club and we are aware of his many activities involved for the betterment of the community and the sports world, therefore, we feel he is worthy of any recognition that can be given in honor of the many kind and thoughtful things he did during his lifetime.

We sincerely hope you will grant this endorsement as requested by the Sacramento Bushers Association.

Sincerely,

Mike Buljan
President

Edna Graham
Recording Secretary

Zanze

Zanze's Baking Company, INC.

8560 23RD AVENUE SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA 95826
TELEPHONE (916) 383-3733

CITY OF SACRAMENTO August 20, 1983

Mr. Robert Thomas
Dept. of Community Services

SEP 02 1983

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Mr. Thomas,

We have been active in baseball in Sacramento area since we were nine years old. We know how much Mr. Culjus has done in the community for baseball and we would like to put in our request to have Land Park diamond #2 known as Nick Culjus, Sr. Field.

We sincerely support the Sacramento Bushers Association in their efforts.

Sincerely,

Randy Zanze
Tom Lippi
Roger Zanze
Chris Nelson
Rodney Zanze
Bill Zanze

Juryk

United States District Court
Eastern District of California
Sacramento, California 95814

Chambers of
Philip C. Wilkins
Senior Judge
Chief Judge Emeritus

August 31, 1983

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

SEP 02 1983

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Department of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, CA 95817

Dear Mr. Thomas:

It has come to my attention from my long time friend Bill Svlich that the Sacramento Bushers Baseball Association is requesting that the Land Park Baseball diamond #2 be renamed "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field" to commemorate Nick's involvement in local baseball activities.

I attended Sacramento High with Nick and have known him both socially and professionally ever since. In high school as a student and as a young man here in Sacramento, he was always involved in local activities. Nick was an outstanding football player, universally well-liked and well-thought-of. The honors he received have already been brought to your attention. Suffice to say, his services through the 50's as a member of the Sacramento City Council and as Vice Mayor served to elevate him to the position of one of Sacramento's most popular men about town. He and his wife always supported baseball activities in Sacramento.

As one who played ball with Nick, and some of it on Land Park #2, I heartily approve the request and urge you to do all in your power to gain the approval of the Community Service Department and the Sacramento City Council to name the field for Nick as requested.

Sincerely yours,

Philip C. Wilkins
Philip C. Wilkins



B. P. O. ELKS No. 6

6446 Riverside Boulevard, Sacramento, Ca 95831

Telephone 422-6666

August 31, 1983

CITY OF SACRAMENTO

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director,
Department of Community Services,
3520 Fifth Avenue,
Sacramento, California 95817

SEP 02 1983

DEPARTMENT OF
COMMUNITY SERVICES

Dear Mr. Thomas,

Sacramento Elks Lodge Number Six at its regular meeting August 30, 1983 unanimously approved a resolution strongly endorsing the proposal that the Land Park Baseball Diamond #2 be renamed the "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field". It is understood that there will be no cost to the city for this.

Nick Culjis was very civic minded, very active in many phases of civic life. He was active in sports, particularly baseball. He was a city councilman from 1952 to 1960, Vice-Mayor in 1959 and 1960, and served as Chairman of the City Council's Aviation Committee.

Nick Culjis, Sr. also was an outstanding member of this Elks Lodge, culminating in his election and serving as Exalted Ruler.

The officers and members of Sacramento Elks Lodge Number Six endorse this proposal, and will appreciate your favorable action to rename that baseball diamond "Nick Culjis, Sr. Field".

Sincerely yours,

Elmer A. Schulz
Elmer A. Schulz,
Exalted Ruler

cc: Leading Knight Tony Muljat
Bulletin Editor Jefferson Yohn



Camellia Festival Association

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8-22-83
2:30 P.M.*

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
PEGGY PRICE

Mr Robert P. Thomas

8-18-83

3520 - 5th ave

Sacramento, Ca. 95817

Hello Bob:

*I understand that the
Bushers Baseball Association
has requested that Sand Park
Diamond #2 be renamed
"Nick Culjis, Sr. Field"*

*I happily endorse this request.
In the fall of 1929 I had the
pleasure of helping to coach
the Sacramento High School
Football Team. Nick played
center. He was easy to work
with and was a leader on our
Championship team. Over the
years I have followed his
many contributions to our Community.
He participated in a great variety
of activities, sports, social and civic*

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His election to the City Council and to the position of vice-mayor are strong indications of his contribution to his city.

I am happy to join the many that urge this honor to Jack and the family.

Sincerely
Ed Ambatale



Bill Cook & Company

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1010 Hurley Way • (916) 925-5855
Sacramento, California 95825

*Recd
8-22-83
WAC*

August 18, 1983

Mr. Robert P. Thomas, Director
Department of Community Services
3520 Fifth Avenue
Sacramento, California 95817

Re: Nick Culjis, Sr. Field

Dear Mr. Thomas,

It has been brought to my attention that a request has been made to name Land Park baseball diamond #2 in Nick's memory. I wholeheartedly endorse this request.

Nick Culjis was very active in the Pacific Coast League, Babe Ruth League, Winter League baseball, LaSalle Club Baseball Hall of Fame, as well as many other sports activities, and service and civic groups, as you are well aware. He served on the City Council during most of the 1950's and was Vice Mayor in 1959 and 1960.

Your consideration in this matter will be greatly appreciated by many.

Sincerely,


William A. Cook

WAC/km