

**SANTA BARBARA COUNTY
BOARD AGENDA LETTER**



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TO: Board of Supervisors

FROM: Supervisor Brooks Firestone, Third District
Supervisor Susan Rose, Second District

STAFF CONTACT: Rick Wheeler
Director of Parks

SUBJECT: Confirm Park Name of a New Public Park on the bluff side of the 6700 block of Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista (3rd District).

Recommendation(s):

That the Board of Supervisors:

- a) Approve the name "Walter Capps Park," for the new park on the bluff side of the 6700 block of Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista.

Alignment with Board Strategic Plan:

The recommendation is primarily aligned with Goal No. 2. A Safe and Healthy Community in Which to Live, Work, and Visit.

Executive Summary and Discussion:

The County has recently purchased several parcels on the bluff side of the 6700 block of Del Playa Drive in Isla Vista for the purposes of creating a future neighborhood park. It has not yet been determined which public agency will operate and manage this new recreational area, however, since the County is taking the lead in the acquisition process, the Second and Third District Offices would like to commemorate this event with the naming of the park as "Walter Capps Park." Walter Capps was a UCSB Religious Studies Professor and a beloved member of the community whose widespread respect and popularity will give this park universal acceptance.

To that end, a recommendation was made to the Santa Barbara County Park Commission requesting that the name Walter Capps Park be found consistent with County Parks park naming policy. The Santa Barbara County Park Commission supported the recommendation at their August 25, 2005 meeting. Mr. Derek Johnson, Manager of the Isla Vista Recreation and Park District, also provided input and expressed the District Board's support for the name offered for this park.

Mandates and Service Levels: Once the responsible agency is determined and the new park is developed, that agency will need to provide the services required to maintain the new facility. The on-going service needs will include staff time to do routine daily maintenance (e.g. trash pick up) and periodic maintenance to address wear and tear on the facility, as well as landscape maintenance, etc.

Fiscal and Facilities Impacts: Impacts are not known at this time.

Special Instructions: Clerk of the Board to provide a copy of the minute order to Supervisor Firestone's office and County Parks.

Concurrence: Park Commission