
From: moon
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:47 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City Council meeting Agenda item #16

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Greetings Electeds and Staff Members:

I am concerned that the staff at National City decided that homeowners asking for a fee waiver from their \$15k to \$20k to build an ADU and help the housing situation are deemed not worthy. On the other side, they will fund developers and for profit companies to build the same damn thing. This seems patently unfair to me as homeowners need a cost break too to help the housing situation. Why is this unequal treatment tolerated by a city proclaiming to pursue equity and diversity? Why are we being compared to any other city? We are a unique and special city. Our homes are threatened with fast food and gentrification. I am not incented to build an ADU knowing an IN and Out is popping up down the street. If the city remains unfriendly to homeowner construction, it will be more feasible to sell my house and buy another in a quieter place, not plagued with fast food, freeways, and donuts.

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From: Joe Frausto
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:52 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: ADU - Agenda Item 16

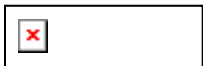
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Multitaskr is a growing marketplace for home improvement and ADU development. We simplify the process for homeowners, lenders, and contractors, providing in-house finance, design, estimation, and construction tools to facilitate projects. Our Fintech and PropTech tools shift the real estate industry by saving money, cutting costs, and adding value for homeowners. We are currently growing the wealth of over 100 residents throughout the city via ADU/Multifamily Developments.

Multitaskr believes that ADUs, affordable housing, and SB9/SB10 will have a positive impact on National City and to the California housing situation as a whole. However, we recognize that responsible development is crucial to empowering our residents. Some experts estimate that our state's current housing shortage could amount to 3-4 million residences. At a local level, we have seen the impact of this shortage in increases in home prices, rents, and the margin between the haves and have-nots. Often, local communities push back on development and its investors because they rightfully want to protect their constituents from the effects of irresponsible development: displacement, loss of job opportunities for current residents, etc. However, we believe it is important to leverage what investors can bring strategically while shaping policy to keep these funds within the local community. Additionally, we believe that all regulations should be viewed from a "how will this impact the growth of our homeowners" perspective.

As an example, current proposed regulations that prohibit both the primary and secondary units from being short term rentals might not have the desired impact. Allowing your constituents to rent out their main home and live in the ADU will dramatically increase the median income of the homeowner. An example of a pro-home owner regulation would be to reduce or eliminate permit fees for CURRENT owner occupants. These small changes will allow current residents to have a large investment advantage compared to outsiders. The end goal is that we want our residents to be financially free and to grow. Public policy should encourage this.

Best Regards,



Joe Frausto | CEO & Founder

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October 17, 2021

Honorable Alejandra Sotelo-Solis
and National City Councilmembers
1243 National City Blvd.
National City, CA 91950

Subject: National City ADU Ordinance

Dear Mayor Sotelo-Solis and Councilmembers,

On behalf of the YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County, please accept this letter in support of the proposed ADU ordinance.

The San Diego County region faces many challenges - climate change, housing affordability, and accessible transportation. As advocates for sustainable growth, equitable public policy, and housing affordability, we believe that the creation of accessory dwelling units (ADU) is an essential piece of a larger housing framework that can help alleviate the state's housing crisis.

ADUs offer a compelling opportunity for National City to add affordable housing options for low-income and middle-income residents. They also require fewer resources to construct and maintain, are compatible with established communities, and are relatively small in size. While they are not a panacea to our drastic housing needs, they can be used as one of many tools to increase the number of dwelling units. That means more homes for more people.

The proposed ordinance aims to minimize design constraints on ADU construction, such as allowing for two-story ADUs on lots smaller than 5,000 square feet and relaxing minimum setback standards. While we think the city could go even further to minimize barriers toward future ADU construction, this ordinance is a great first step. The



YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County respectfully request that the City Council approve the proposed ADU ordinance and continue to explore housing policies that create a more welcoming, prosperous, and sustainable City. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Marissa Tucker-Borquez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large loop at the end.

Marissa Tucker-Borquez
President, YIMBY Democrats of San Diego County

From: Carolyn Scofield
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:33 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Support for Agenda Item #17 CCA Ordinance

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My name is Carolyn Scofield. I am longtime resident of Chula Vista and a member of the Community Advisory Committee for San Diego Community Power. I am writing as a South Bay Community member in support of Agenda Item #17 CCA Ordinance. I applaud Mayor Sotelo-Solis and the Council for considering adopting Community Choice Aggregation in National City. CCA's provide a higher mix of electricity from renewable sources at affordable rates. They return excess revenues to the communities they serve, supporting local choices for renewable electricity and local economic development and jobs.

Adopting CCA will help National City community members and all of us in our region to share in the greater health benefits from cleaner air and improved quality of life from lower greenhouse gas emissions.

Please vote yes on the CCA Ordinance. In doing so, you will join with the 23 CCAs currently serving millions of residents in 201 communities throughout California.

Thank you!

From: moon >
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:30 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: City Council Meeting Agenda #17 CCA

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Greetings Elected and Staff:

I don't see any value besides a "projected" 1% savings for customers of a CCA. SDG&E already has a diverse portfolio of renewable energy, a large demand to enable economies of scale, all the infrastructure of distribution and transmission, and the expertise to manage day ahead and hourly load forecasting and scheduling. I think we should stay with the utility, and support it's union employees, rather than go all in with a new enterprise that does not guarantee its performance.

Thank you,
moon

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moon

From: Minna
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:38 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: National City Council Meeting: Support Item 17 - Public Hearing and the Introduction of an Ordinance of the City Council of the City of National City establishing Community Choice Aggregation (CCA) in the City of National City.

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Dear National City Councilmembers,

Please support Item 17 where National City will establish Community Choice Aggregation ('CCA'). Today, there are 23 CCAs serving millions of Californians, giving them cleaner energy at competitive rates. CCAs in California have contracted for clean energy projects totaling more than 8,000 MWh.

Please have National City help lead the country in the move toward establishing a CCA.

Cheers,
Laura Minna-Choe,
Volunteer,
San Diego Green New Deal Alliance

From: Matthew Vasilakis
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:28 AM
To: Alejandra Sotelo-Solis; Jose Rodriguez; Marcus Bush; Mona Rios; Ron Morrison
Cc: CMO; Public Comment; Madison Coleman; Maleeka Marsden
Subject: Climate Action Campaign: Support Community Choice Energy, Item 17

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Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers,

On behalf of Climate Action Campaign, we want to express our support for Item 17 on tonight's agenda, and National City joining San Diego Community Power (SDCP).

Community Choice Energy is our region's only pathway to achieving 100% clean electricity a decade ahead of state law. As the soon to be second largest CCE program in California, SDCP will have the resources, scale and talent to help its member cities reach their clean electricity goals, while also providing cost-competitive rates, economic development opportunities, equity programs for communities of concern, and strong worker policies to create good union jobs.

SDCP may also be able to help lead in the development of new emerging renewable energy technologies such as geothermal resources, off-shore wind, and select green hydrogen projects in industrial sectors, aiding in our region's efforts to ensure a just transition for all energy workers.

We hope National City will have a seat at the table, and join its neighbors in leading our region to a 100% clean electricity future.

Thank you.

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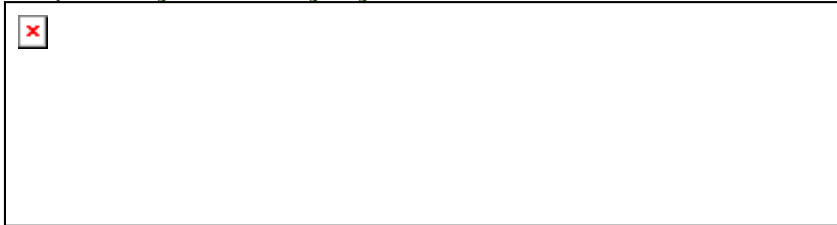


From: Shelah Ott
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:40 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: 10/19 City Council Meeting - Agenda Item 17, Ordinance Establishing Community Choice Aggregation (CCA)

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Good evening Mayor Sotelo-Solis and members of the council, my name is Shelah Ott and I'm with the San Diego Green New Deal Alliance. As the climate emergency worsens, it only becomes more and more clear that our communities need decentralized, local energy solutions that will help reduce greenhouse gas emissions and climate injustices burdened disproportionately on communities of concern. Community choice energy is a solution that will provide cleaner energy at competitive rates and reinvest in the communities they serve - it is a no-brainer. I am so excited to see that National City is taking steps to ensure it's community members have access to local, clean energy with San Diego Community Power. I urge you all to vote for your community members and the climate today so National City can join San Diego Community Power along with other cities in the region. Thank you for your time and efforts to fight the climate crisis!

Shelah Ott (she/her/hers)
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From: Tara Hammond <tara@hammondclimatesolutions.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:56 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Re: Reading public comments out loud

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Good evening Mayor Sotelo-Solis and members of the council, my name is Tara Hammond and I am the vice chair of the San Diego Community Power Community Advisory Committee. I have supported community choice energy in the region for nearly a decade, seeking consumer choice for more sustainable, less expensive local energy, a public agency that keeps ratepayers' best interests in mind and an agency that is aligned with our climate action goals.

I'm very excited to ask you tonight to vote in support of having National City join San Diego Community Power! We are in a climate emergency and this is a piece of desperately needed climate action that will also bring good jobs, community programs to the region and lessen climate injustices in California while slowing the impacts of the climate crisis.

Please take action today to join San Diego Community Power to help support the community and help create a more just and livable future! Thank you!

Thanks,

Tara Kelly Hammond (she/her/hers)

Founder & Chief Environmental Officer

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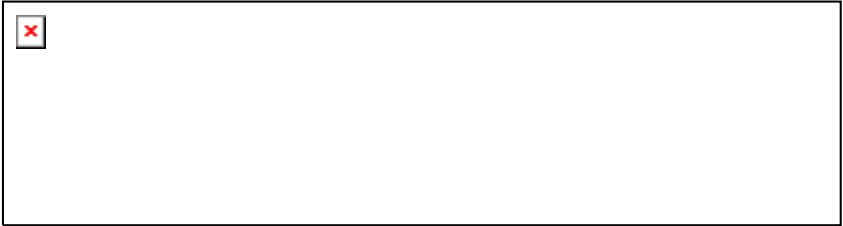
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On Tue, Oct 19, 2021 at 11:03 AM Public Comment <publiccomment@nationalcityca.gov> wrote:

Tara,

I see that you registered to make verbal comments.

Thank you.



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From: Tara Hammond [mailto:tara@hammondclimatesolutions.com]

Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 9:27 AM

To: Public Comment <publiccomment@nationalcityca.gov>

Subject: Reading public comments out loud

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Good morning,

According to your [website](#), it says that “emailed comments will be read into the meeting record.” Can you please confirm that will be the case tonight?

Thanks,

Tara Kelly Hammond (she/her/hers)

Founder & Chief Environmental Officer

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Agenda #20

A Quien Corresponda,

Mi nombre es Angelica Ramirez y soy residente de National City. Les expreso mi opinión al intentar hacer el cambio de nombre del Jardín comunitario y parque educacional de Paradise Creek. Estos lugares son iconos para la comunidad de National City, atrás de ellos existe una historia que los avala geográficamente y, sus nombres actuales ya son muy reconocidos en nuestra comunidad, incluyendo a la prensa como San Diego Union Tribune y diferentes redes sociales, donde se hace referencia a la gran labor de los señores Godshalk y demás miembros por aportar mayores oportunidades de aprendizaje, diversión, protección a nuestro medio ambiente y a nuestra comunidad.

Gracias

From: Araceli Aztlan
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:17 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: In support of Agenda item #20

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Good afternoon,

My name is Araceli Vaca and this email is in support of Agenda item #20 regarding the naming of the Dolores Huerta Park (behind Kimball school)

I am reaching out to you not only as a resident of National City but as a mother of three, an educator in our high school and as the co-advisor for M.E.Ch.A (Movimiento Estudiantil Chicano de Aztlan) a student organization at my school.

National City is composed of a multicultural population. Our city has a large Latino and Filipino population and I strongly believe that our youth will greatly benefit to see our new park named after a legendary social justice activist as Dolores Huerta.

As an educator I can tell you that our students are very passionate about justice, about the rights of underrepresented people, and so I believe they will really connect with Dolores Huerta and what she stands for and what she has always fought for.

I am convinced that our youth will connect with her as an activist, and that she will be a role model to our students who strive to be activists themselves.

Huerta's career in activism began with the Community Service Organization and expanded when she cofounded the National Farm Workers Association, which later became the United Farm Workers, in 1962 with fellow activist César Chávez. Huerta used this platform to gain rights for underprivileged farmworkers, including disability insurance, Aid For Dependent Families, and the historic 1975 California Agricultural Labor Relations Act. Huerta also led the Delano grape strike, which secured better working conditions and salaries for farmworkers of Delano, CA, and coined the rallying cry of "Si, se puede" while fighting for workers' rights in Arizona.

I believe that by naming our park Dolores Huerta it will inspire our youth to visualize that someone who comes from a simple background, who works hard, engages in education, and constantly works to better themselves and others is indeed possible.

Please vote yes to naming our park Dolores Huerta.

Thank you for your time.

From: Ari Honarvar
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:24 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Agenda Item 20

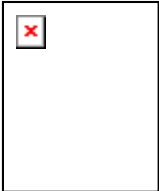
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Hi,

Please designate a park in National City to be named Dolores Huerta. Most people know of Cezar Chavez but Ms. Huerta's name is still unknown even though she contributed as much to the plight of the farmworkers. She needs to be celebrated and become as much of a household name as Cezar Chavez. We need to recognize the effort and sacrifice of WOC leaders in CA.

Best,

Ari Honarvar



[Rumi with a View](#)

From: B Sherwin
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 11:56 AM
To: Public Comment
Subject: I support Dolores Huerta Park in National City

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Hi,

I'm a resident of San Diego and I'm writing to express my support for the naming of a park in National City for Dolores Huerta.

Thanks,

Brian Sherwin
University Heights

My name is Victoria Garcia. I'm a 6th grader at Ira Harbison. I think the new park should be named after Dolores Huerta. First of all, she's an important person, because she has made world changes. Dolores has been making a difference in the world since she was 25 years old. That's 74 years of dedication! We should honor her for her hard work. Naming a park after her would honor all she has done, especially for the Filipino and Hispanic communities. She organized the Delano Grape Boycott; she also stood up for women's rights and racism. Dolores is a strong woman, and she made changes to the world and people's lives. Having a park in her name in National City would be important because kids can play and know her name and what she has done. The city would love it!

From:
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 4:00 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Item 20

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Hi, my name is Eva and I am a 7th grader at National City Middle school, and I believe that this park should be named in honor of Dolores Huerta. I think this because Dolores Huerta has been a great influence and activist during the farming strikes, yet gets little recognition for her work like many other Latin-American female figures. Seeing a park named after Dolores Huerta would make me feel proud of my culture and good about who I am and where I come from. I hope this park inspires people to stand up for what they believe is right. Thank you.

From:
Sent: Saturday, October 16, 2021 4:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: In support of naming the park Dolores Huerta

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I love visiting National City and having a park named after Dolores Huerta would be an amazing tribute to one of my most admired activists as she represents the best of us and has sacrificed her life to make our world a better place for all, especially for all farm workers and the Latino community

Jesus Nebot



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From: Karla Nava
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 2:05 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item # 20

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Good afternoon,

I'm surprised to hear that our community park might have a name change, not sure why we need one in the Paradise Creek Educational Park but there is no option I would suggest to at least get the community involvement and share their thoughts on this matter. I feel the community members along with the committee deserve this involvement since they are the ones who have been struggling for many years to get this project completed.

Thank you for your time.

Karla Nava

Hello, my name is Lucca Gomez. I'm 10 years old and a student at Ira Harbison Elementary. I believe the new park should be named Dolores Huerta because she continues to fight for civil rights. She is a very good woman. For example, she started a grape boycott so that farmworkers could be treated fairly. They didn't even have restrooms. She cares a lot about the community and she enjoys doing her job. So, you should name this park Dolores Huerta. Thank you for reading this message.

From: maria huerta
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:54 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Item 20

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Hi, my name is Emily Cruz and I am a 5th grader from Olivewood. I am in favor of agenda item 20 which is in support of naming the park behind Kimball elementary "The Dolores Huerta Park and Community Center". I think it's important to have parks named after women because women deserve recognition for things that they do. There are a lot of parks named after men, but not after women and especially not named after Latino women. I would feel like my culture is treated fair and it would have positive effects on me, my family and other Latino families if we had a park named after a great activist like Dolores Huerta. Thank you.

Sent from my iPhone

From: Mario Torero
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:56 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Agenda item 20 Dolores Huerta Park

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TO THE NATIONAL CITY COUNCIL; IN REGARDS TO THE NAME CHANGE OF A PARK,
FROM PARADISE CREEK EDUCATIONAL PARK, TO THE "DOLORES HUERTA PARK"

My name is Mario Acevedo Torero and I have worked as a community Artivist and mural painter in Barrio Logan's Chicano Park and throughout San Diego. I have been a long time admirer of both Cesar Chavez and Dolores Huerta. Recently I have been studying the life work of Dolores Huerta and I feel that everything she stands for and is accomplishing mirrors the values of what National City is creating for its residents here at this park. By naming the park "Dolores Huerta Park" National City continues to be a leader by an example by honoring historical Chicanos and Chicanas who devoted their lives to improving the quality of life for immigrant working families.

National City in San Diego County has become a progressive city with the election of the first National City Chicana mayor Alejandra Sotelo Solis.

Solis has taken her city into the 21st century by making National City the first city in the county to proclaim October 12th "Indigenous Day".

Paradise Community Park was once a polluted and dilapidated watershed at the edge of a run-off creek in the middle of a historical Chicano community, in Old Town National City. Due to the hard work of its residents, and city officials, this new administration was able to turn around a sore-eye site into a first class eco-park. This eco-park is becoming the pride of the city and a regional example of what a united community can accomplish. It is a model of a national campaign to the "New Green Deal" in its early stages.

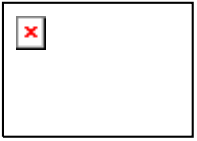
Therefore I believe that as the beginning this new epoch, considering that the park contains as a central figure, the privilege gift to the community, an organic farm that appropriately in the spirit of Mother Earth can be a transformation point of honoring the most famous woman in our human movement by naming the garden and park in celebration of our grand celebrity, Dolores Huerta Park.

Gracias y Que Viva!

Mario Torero

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MARIO ACEVEDO TORERO Artivist Muralist Educator

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Shelley Chapel

From: Martin Eder
Sent: Monday, October 18, 2021 11:19 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Please vote to endorse the naming of the Dolores Huerta Park

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Please vote to endorse the naming of the Dolores Huerta Park.

With the number of young Latinx who would have a real hero to learn about even as they recreate.

Do this for the future, do it for National City to announce its strength in diversity.

Martin Eder - Executive Director, Activist San Diego
ActivistSD@gmail.com 619-871-9354

From: Maya Piceno
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:50 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Naming the Park Dolores Huerta

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Good afternoon,

My name is Maya Piceno and I am typing this email in support of Agenda #20 regarding the park behind Kimball School to be named Dolores Huerta. I reach out as a Latina passionate to be represented, as a student at Sweetwater High School, as M.E.Ch.A's president. By naming the park Dolores Huerta you will show the youth a representation of a hard worker who fought for what she believed in.

From: Natalie Camacho Mendoza
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:41 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Naming a park for Dolores Huerta

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Dear Council Members:

I am writing to you in support of naming a part after Dolores Huerta. Dolores Huerta is an exceptional woman, advocate and leader. She has dedicated her life to advocating for so many people seeking better wages, safe working conditions, access to justice, equality, and equity.

There have been very few like her. I hope that you all have wisdom and foresight to understand how important this measure would be for so many now and its historical importance.

Although Dolores has been the recipient of many wards of recognition, a permanent tribute such as the one being considered tonight, will be not only significant to her but to everyone who has appreciated and benefited from her life's work.

I ask that you support the proposed naming of a park after a recognized influential leader of our time.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Natalie Camacho Mendoza

From: Olivia Mariscal
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:03 PM
To: Public Comment
Subject: Comentario Publico: Agenda #20 - Parque Educativo Paradise Creek.

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Reunión de Concejo: Ciudad de National City
Martes, Octubre 19, 2021

Re: **Agenda #20:** "Propuesta a cambiar nombre de parque a Dolores Huerta Parque y Jardin Comunitario"
Comentario público

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Buenas tardes, Miembros del Concilio,

Mi nombre es Olivia Mariscal de Calzada, residente de National City en los Apartamentos Paradise Creek, Miembra de la Iglesia San Antonio, y graduada y activa líder residente de la Tercera Edad.

Como residente y elector en Old Town National City por muchos años, le solicité que NO cambie el nombre conocido como el **Parque Educativo Paradise Creek**. Yo igual que otros vecinos, residentes de los Apartamentos Paradise Creek, quienes apreciamos, trabajamos, y cuidamos el lago y su alrededor, pedimos que se siga llamando tal como se indica en su letrero ya promovido.

Muchas gracias por su atención y consideración de no cambiar su nombre o de nombrar oficialmente este como Parque Educativo Paradise Creek o en inglés **Paradise Creek Educational Park**. Se lo agradecería infinitamente.

Sinceramente,

Olivia Mariscal de Calzada

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**From:** Rocio Cruz  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:57 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Item #20

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Good afternoon,

I am Amaris Cruz and this email is in support of item #20. Naming the park behind Kimball is important and will have a positive impact on our community.

It is important to commemorate women like Dolores Huerta not only because of the role she played in our history but also the role she plays in the future of our young girls. In naming the park after her, she can be an inspiration or role model to the girls of our city. The Latino girls of our city need to see themselves represented in their own city.

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**From:** Roger Quesada  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:46 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Dolores Huerta Park

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It's time to acknowledge all the good work that Dolores Huerta has done and continues to push for equality. I marvel at her ability to continue the fight for justice to help our brown, black and Native American people. This park will be honored to have her wonderful name before it, so that she will be known-- forever and ever!  
Rogelio Quesada

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**From:** Sarah Bella Mondragon  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2021 3:45 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Agenda item 20 Dolores Huerta Park

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Dear National City Council,

My name is Sarah Mondragon and I support naming the Paradise Creek Park "Dolores Huerta Park". Recently I read that Dolores Huerta is one of the most important women in US History that most people have never heard of. My 15 year old daughter had heard of Cesar Chavez, but not Dolores Huerta. And haven't we been told by the marketing and media industry that we need to have seen or heard a brand at least seven times before we decide that we should try that soda, snack bar, bar of soap or toothpaste brand regardless of all of its great inherent utilitarian value, its aesthetic or price. My point here is that stadiums get named after businesses like Petco, "MattressFirm" and Qualcomm. When we as a community choose to name a community park after Dolores Huerta we are promoting her name, and what she stood for in association. If Dolores Huerta represents a brand it would be the cause of activism, the cause of having compassion for our fellow citizens, men and women who are suffering some form of adversity and or to have compassion for ourselves. Some have criticized Huerta for her politics and have deemed her not the "right choice" for this community park in the heart of National City.

In my mind Dolores Huerta is a living testimony to what we can all accomplish if we believe in ourselves, and believe in the cause of lifting up the quality of life and environment of our neighbors and fellow citizens. Dolores was not a saint. She made many personal sacrifices to lead the kind of life of travel, long work days, and unrelenting devotion to the causes of the farmworkers and their families amongst many other initiatives. Dolores Huerta believed that all of our stories of overcoming adversity and honoring our immigrant roots are extremely important to knowing who we ourselves are and what we can be proud of. National City is not farm country but it is a community of hardworking people with immigrant backgrounds that today face the adversity of decreased access to healthy whole foods and natural spaces for play, recreation and for access to clean air, water, free from noise and industrial pollution. Her struggle of many decades is now ours here. When we repeat her name, we take inspiration from all she accomplished and continues to accomplish. We see ourselves in her, and we hope to carry her indomitable spirit in all our endeavors here.

Thank you,

Sarah Bella Mondragon

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love and chocolate,

Sarah Bella Mondragon



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**From:** Sarah Ruiz  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 9:19 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Re: Item 20- revised

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## Dolores Huerta

Good afternoon, my name is Diana Ruiz and I'm a Sixth Grader attending Olivewood Elementary. I am speaking in favor of naming Kimball Creek Park as the Dolores Huerta Park and Community Center. We can create history by naming a park after a Latina woman and in honor of her living legacy. This will give our young people someone like themselves, to strive to be like. After all, we can all effect change.

She effected positive change in the Chicano Civil Rights Movement, within the agricultural industry, and within the greater Hispanic community. Discrimination against Hispanic people shaped Huerta into the Civil Rights activist she is today.

She and her colleague, Cesar Chavez, co-founded the National Farm Workers Association. She served as Vice President for 37 years. In 1965, she organized the Delano strike of 5,000 grape workers. Huerta worked hard on negotiating contracts, creating safer working conditions, and, most importantly, the elimination of spraying harmful pesticides on crops which directly impacted the farm workers. She also fought for unemployment and healthcare benefits for agricultural workers.

Currently, NC does not have any parks named after any female or Latina leaders. A park is a place where everyone is free, equal, and there is no discrimination. What better way to honor Huerta's fight for civil rights and equality than by naming a park after her?

Dolores Huerta's unwavering fight for agricultural equality and the Civil Rights movement ensures that we are all able to enjoy fruits, vegetables, and there is hope for a better future. I urge you to vote in favor of renaming Kimball Creek Park to Dolores Huerta Park and Community Center. Like Dolores always says, "Si Se Puede!"



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**From:** Silvia Calzada  
**Sent:** Monday, October 18, 2021 3:02 PM  
**To:** Public Comment  
**Subject:** Council Meeting 10/18/21: Public Comment - Item #20

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Council Meeting: City of National City  
Tuesday, October 19, 2021

Re: **Agenda Item #20:** "Proposal to name new park Dolores Huerta Park and Community Garden"  
Testimony/Comment

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Good afternoon Mayor Sotelo-Solis, Vice - Mayor Rodriguez, and City Council Members Mona Rios, Marcus Bush and Ron Morrison,

My name is Silvia Calzada, a constituent of National City currently living in the Paradise Creek Apartments, a part of the WITOD project.

As a resident leader, I am requesting you DO NOT rename the park well-known as the **Paradise Creek Educational Park, neighbor of the Paradise Creek Apartments.**

For many years, the park has been recognized under this name and referred to as such in the FINAL Westside Specific Plan dated March 2010, Focused General Plan Update dated August 2020, and in various other resources. Committed members such as Kimball School teachers and Westside residents have dedicated their time and efforts to rejuvenate and protect Paradise Creek's environmental value and its ecosystem, and used this opportunity as a tool to educate and promote to anyone open to learn and appreciate the beauty of this treasure in our City.

I recommend that if there is to be a name change, then there should be an open space of communication for community members to share their thoughts and ideas through a workshop or such. This will be a perfect opportunity to practice one of your core values to "communicate openly, honestly, and with clear, consistent messages." And if this is not an OFFICIAL title, legally recognized, then this is the time to inform and recognize it legally in due time.

One last request is to please follow-up and investigate why Paradise Creek Educational Park does not exist on the 911 Dispatcher maps. A few months ago, the 911 Dispatcher informed me the park does not show on the maps used to support emergency calls.

As much as I love and respect Dolores Huerta, a beloved latina leader, for her work and advocacy in labor and civic rights for the people, I feel that the work and love behind this park deserves it's own credit through the legal name as **Paradise Creek Educational Park.** Thank you.

Shelley Chapel

From: Ted Godshalk
Sent: Tuesday, October 19, 2021 1:22 PM
To: Public Comment
Cc: Jose Rodriguez; Ron Morrison; Ted Godshalk
Subject: Public comment for Item #20- 10/18/21

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Public comment for Item #20 from Mr. Ted Godshalk

Council,

There is universal agreement that Delores Huerta is a living hero and that her achievements deserve recognition. That is not at issue here.

Paradise Creek Educational Park is the connective link that ties our community from Paradise Hills in the northeastern corner to the south west at Paradise Marsh and San Diego Bay. The place name always came first.

The salt marsh habitat is very rare in California and the world. Paradise Creek has been a stimulus for many grants and new enhancements, worth many millions of dollars. Removal of tons of toxic soil and some flood control, the building of affordable housing, a new Harding Ave., and the new recreation all came about because, first there was protection of Paradise Creek. Can future improvements be gained with less recognition or connectivity?

This park is an Outdoor Laboratory and Classroom. It has Educational in the name because the group of community members, parents, and teachers who worked hard to get the approvals for the park in the 90s believed that everyone can learn from being involved in the effort. That has proved true over and over. We work with schools of all levels from Kinder to College to provide important environmental education. Our neighbors seek relaxation and knowledge at this park. Please pause and ask yourself: what is the lesson here?

Our non-profit organization holds the very valuable ***institutional memory*** for this project, and I can remind you that this park was dedicated in 2007 with a City Council and community ribbon cutting. The name has been cited in the news, in city grants and public outreach, and by other involved organizations in their supporting work.

With all of that in mind, we believe that the park should remain named as it has been known for the last 25 years. The City Council should be aware that this is how the volunteers, community members, parents, and students feel about their involvement and achievements.

One better idea is that the City Council could make a study of the many places and buildings in National City that could be renamed to honor someone today. ***Always start with a proper and respectful discussion with community members.*** Listen to them. A few suggestions going forward for study are:

- The new Harding Avenue segment above the park.

- Coolidge and Wilson Avenues, named for U.S. Presidents with racist backgrounds who would not be recognized today.
- Also, the City could work with the Port District to rename Pepper Park.
- Or the City could work with the National School District to rename two Schools named for former school principals, John Otis and Ira Harbison, after someone notable and memorable .
- Simply put, the City can change Las Palmas or El Toyon parks to recognize the important people of our time, or rename City Hall, Las Palmas Pool, the former Library or the current Library, or another city building.

Please retain the name **Paradise Creek Educational Park** tonight.

Thank you,

Ted Godshalk