

Office of Mayor Todd Gloria

# Parks and Recreation Board: Proposed Renaming of North Clairemont Community Park - Action Item

May 15, 2025

## Background

Tragically, Officer Austin Machitar lost his life in the line of duty on August 26<sup>th</sup>, 2024.

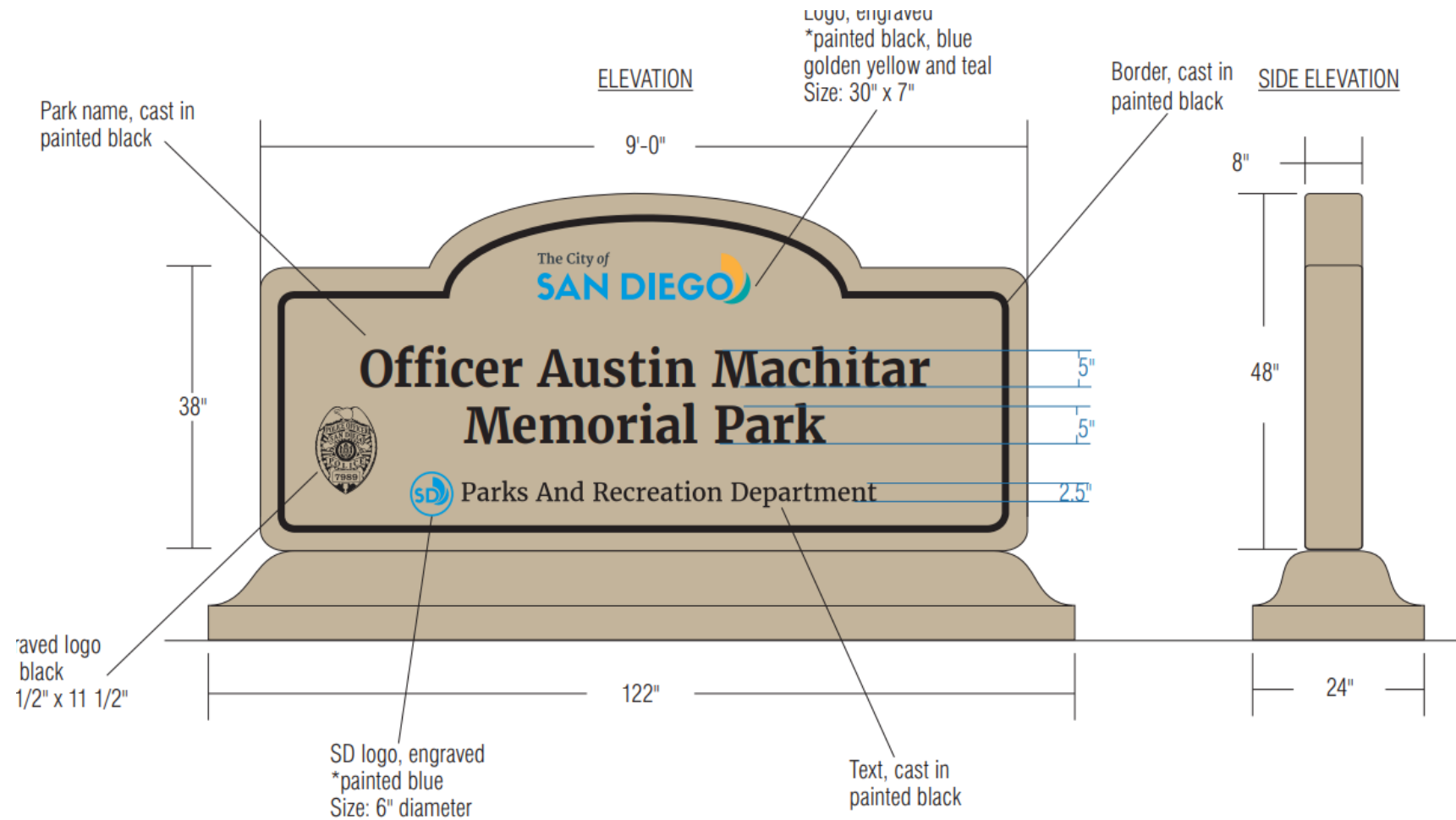
Officer Machitar served in the San Diego Police Department for over 5 years, joining the Department in 2019 and was assigned to patrol with Northern Division, which serves the Clairemont community. During his time with SDPD, Officer Machitar served as a Field Training Officer and took an active role in recruiting new officers by participating in recruiting videos and photoshoots for the department.

The renaming process was initiated by Mayor Todd Gloria to honor Officer Machitar and his dedication to making the city of San Diego a safer place for all of us. In consultation with his family, the North Clairemont Community Park and Recreation Center was chosen given the proximity to the accident and his service to the Clairemont community with Northern Division.



Signage change  
locations







New Signage example  
Double sided



To be placed  
facing Genesee  
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## Renaming

- After consulting family, we are proposing to rename North Clairemont Community Park to **Officer Austin Machitar Memorial Park**

# Funding

- The Office of Mayor Todd Gloria is working with the San Diego Police Officers Association, POA, to fund the project.



## Public Feedback

- Presented Info Item at the Clairemont CRG **February 16, 2025**
- Presented Info Item to Clairemont Town Council, **March 6, 2025**
- Presented Action Item to Clairemont Community Planning Group, **March 18, 2025**
- Presented Action Item to Clairemont CRG **April 16, 2025**

## Next Steps

- Purchasing and installing

# Support

- Unanimous support from Clairemont Community Planning Group
- Unanimous support from Clairemont Community Recreation Group
- Letter of support from Councilmember Jennifer Campbell
- Letter of support from the Police Officers Association
- Letter of support from the Clairemont Town Council

# Questions?

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