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**To: ALL MEMBERS OF THE STOCKTON RECREATION CENTER COMMUNITY**

**FROM: Julio Fonseca, Center Director, Stockton Recreation Center**

**SUBJECT: STOCKTON RECREATION CENTER TO HONOR ITS GREAT HISTORY**

Stockton Recreation Center was dedicated to the community of San Diego in July 1978 and is currently located inside the King-Chavez Primary Academy school grounds near the playground. Throughout the history of the center, it was once known as the “basketball jewel” of San Diego’s Parks and Recreation program in the 80s, 90s, and beyond as the Stockton Knights, year after year, won multiple basketball championships and developed top athletes that lived or were a part of the Stockton community. Unfortunately, the center was closed during the COVID-19 Pandemic and the once “mecca” of basketball was no more. Upon the centers reopening of its doors, it was discovered that the large collection of trophies, monuments, plaques, and retired numbers honoring distinguished members of the Knights were without care, collecting dust, slowly deteriorating, and almost forgotten.

Although the center is evolving to provide services and programs that meet the needs of the community that currently reside in the Stockton neighborhood area, we are hopeful to preserve and honor the great history of what occurred in this awesome community and great recreation center.

Therefore, we are calling on ALL members of the Stockton community to help determine how best to preserve and showcase all the timeless, valuable, and wonderful artifacts of the past and make them accessible to everyone to commemorate the center’s rich history of community support, teamwork, sports and overall success.

Please join me and the Stockton Recreation Staff on Thursday, October 1, 2025, at 7:00 pm at Stockton Recreation Center located at 330 32<sup>nd</sup> Street, San Diego, CA 92102, to begin discussions regarding this very important matter. Light refreshments, coffee, tea, and snacks will be provided.

We look forward to having you be a part of how we plan to honor the center’s great past as we move together towards the future.

**GO KNIGHTS!!!!**