



# REPORT

## THE CITY OF SAN DIEGO TO THE PARK AND RECREATION BOARD

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DATE ISSUED: June 18, 2015

REPORT NO: #101

ATTENTION: Park and Recreation Board

SUBJECT: Renaming Pacific Breezes Community Park after Assistant Chief of Police César Solis (retired)

### SUMMARY

Issue – Should the Park and Recreation Board approve the renaming of Pacific Breezes Community Park (undeveloped) after retired Assistant Chief of Police César Solis?

Director's Recommendation – The Department does not take a position on facility naming requests.

#### Other Recommendations

- On May 6, 2015, the Ocean View Hills Recreation Council voted unanimously to recommend approval of renaming Pacific Breezes Community Park (undeveloped) after retired Assistant Chief of Police César Solis.
- On June 10, 2015, the Community Parks II Area Committee voted to recommend approval of renaming Pacific Breezes Community Park (undeveloped) after retired Assistant Chief of Police César Solis. The motion carried with 5 ayes, 0 nays and 1 abstention.

Fiscal Impact – None

### BACKGROUND

Cesar A. Solis served the San Diego Police Department from July 23, 1982 until March 3, 2014. He was promoted to Assistant Chief on August 23, 2008. Prior to his promotion, he served as the Captain of Investigations II. Assistant Chief Solis actively participated and served on numerous community advisory boards and associations. While assigned to community relations, he developed trust and strong working relationships with community leaders, religious leaders, and community based organizations.

Throughout his career, Cesar was a role model in the community and within the San Diego Police Department. Cesar was the first Filipino-American to be promoted to the rank of Captain

and Assistant Chief at the San Diego Police Department. In 1986, Assistant Chief Solis was awarded the Police Department's Meritorious Service Award and American Legion Medal of Valor for dedication to duty and personal valor while serving on the Border Crimes Prevention Unit. Cesar's first assignment after graduating from the academy was to patrol his old neighborhood. He rarely needed a map because he knew this community like the back of his hand.

Chief Solis proudly grew up in the south bay community of San Diego. Cesar's father served in the United States Navy, and bought their first house on Arey Drive. The communities of Otay Mesa, Otay Mesa-Nestor, and San Ysidro were his playgrounds. He spent his summers playing little league baseball at Montgomery-Waller Community Park. Cesar attended and graduated from Silver Wing Elementary, Montgomery Junior, and Montgomery High School.

Assistant Chief Solis retired after 32 years of dedicated service with the San Diego Police Department. He is enjoying his retirement by spending quality time with his wife Doris and two grown children, Kristen and Eric.

#### DISCUSSION

The renaming of the Pacific Breezes Community Park as "César Solis Community Park" is in compliance with Park and Recreation Board Policy #101, "Naming of Parks and Recreation Facilities" (copy attached).

#### ALTERNATIVES

Do not approve the renaming of Pacific Breezes Community Park after retired Assistant Chief of Police César Solis.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attachment: 1. Location Map  
2. Park and Recreation Board Policy #101 – Naming of Parks  
and Recreation Facilities

cc: Councilmember David Alvarez, Council District 8