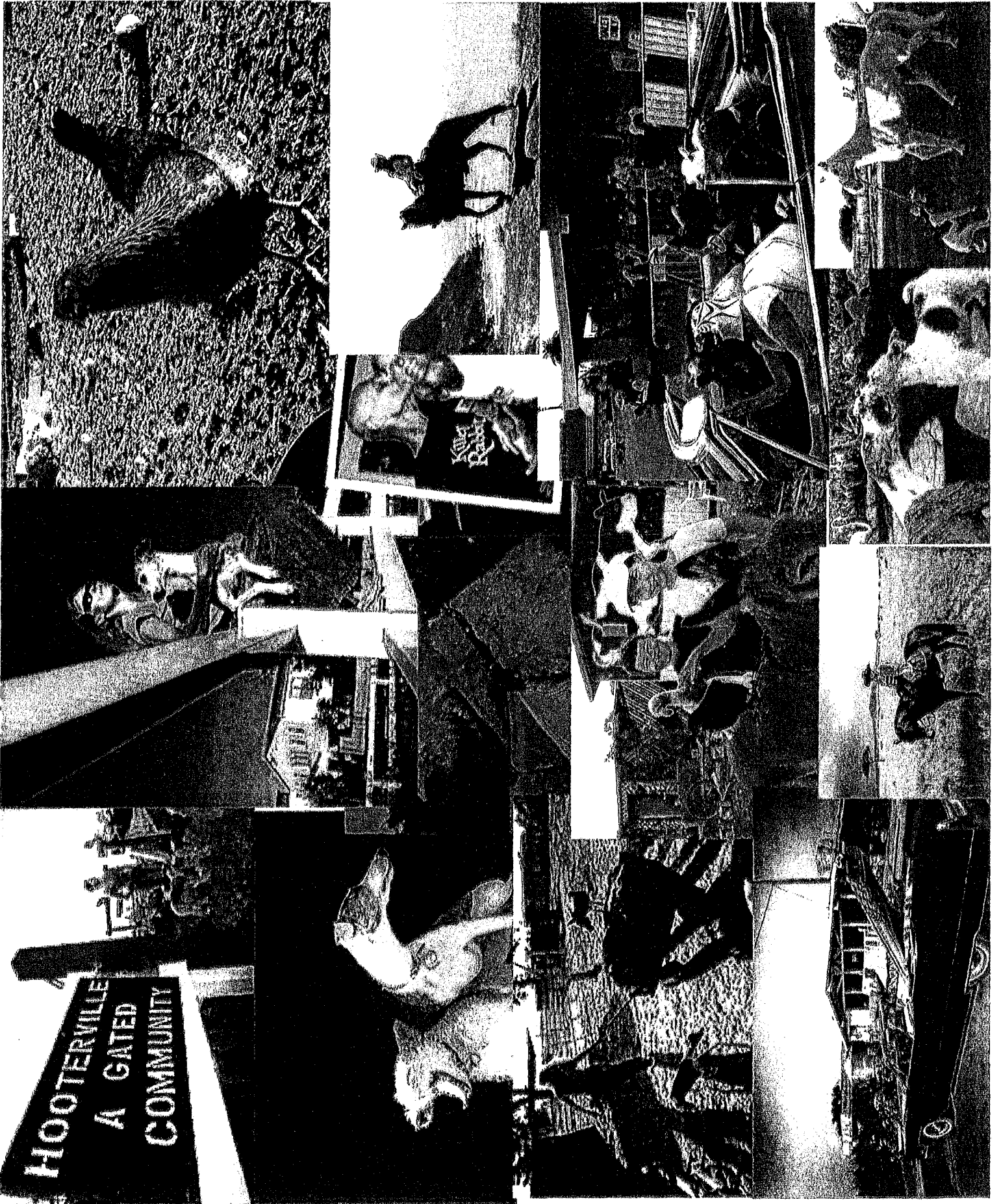
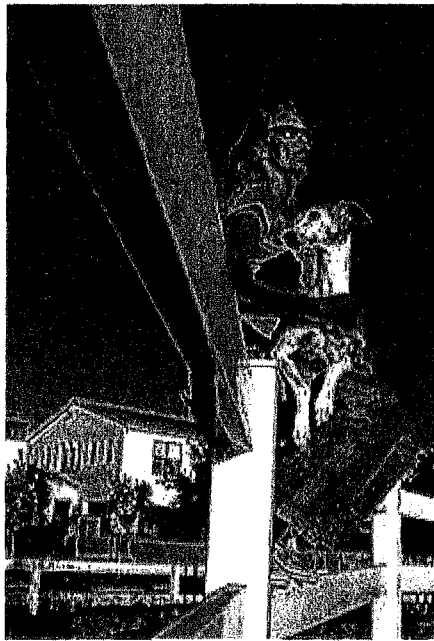


ELIZABETH S. RABBITT PARK

DEL MAR MESA





March 1, 2017

Proposal to: Rename the Del Mar Mesa Neighborhood Park (currently under construction) to
"Elizabeth S. Rabbitt Park"

For consideration by: City of San Diego Park and Recreation Department – Community Parks I Division Area Committee

From: Dan O'Rourke – father, and neighbor in the Del Mar Mesa Community since 2001

Elizabeth Rabbitt is the retired, former CEO of Sharp Community Medical Group. Her husband is Dr. Mike Rabbitt a former US Navy and private practice dentist from La Jolla, CA.

Elizabeth moved to her Del Mar Mesa home – better known as "Hooterville Ranch" in 1995. At the time there were only seven homes on the mesa. They were accessible only on a dirt road. There was no running water or trash collection. She loved the peaceful spot. Perfect for raising her many animals and tending to her garden.

Then in 2001....the developers started to build what would eventually be in excess of 120 homes. The roads were paved and Elizabeth did get running water but the peace and quiet was gone. Elizabeth decided one day – "I can choose to hate it or love it. So, I decided to make this the best neighborhood possible."

Hooterville and Elizabeth are the central point of Del Mar Mesa. Her home is a giant petting zoo for the kids. When she is not passing out vegetables from her garden, she is usually picking weeds on the street or helping someone with her forklift. Her friendship and generosity embodies the spirit of living on "the Mesa." We all love her and there is nobody more deserving of this dedication than our friend Elizabeth Rabbitt.