

**SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO UNIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICT  
RESOLUTION #21-55**

**RENAMING THE COMMUNITY LEARNING CENTER IN HONOR OF GENE MULLIN**

WHEREAS, the City of South San Francisco via public feedback submitted a request to rename the South San Francisco Public Library's (SSFPL) Community Learning Center (CLC) in honor of Eugene (Gene) R. Mullin; and

WHEREAS, the CLC located at 520 Tamarack Lane on the Spruce Elementary School campus, opened on March 20, 2001, after three community planning meetings and input from City, school district, community, local CBOs and students that showed strong support for this City/District partnership and focus on student and family support; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullin was a social studies teacher at South San Francisco High School for 32 years; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullin served as a South San Francisco City Council Member from 1995-2002, and as Mayor in 1998 and 2002; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullin represented South San Francisco in the California State Assembly's 19<sup>th</sup> district from 2002 to 2008, bringing with him his strong support and advocacy for public education; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullin's lifelong interest in local history, civic engagement, and community involvement was exemplified by co-organizing the City/District's Youth Government Program, preparing and maintaining archival records of city and school district history, partnering with the Historical Society of South San Francisco on history initiatives and walking tours, and receiving numerous awards and acknowledgements for his educational, community and legislative work; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Mullin served on the boards of community and education-based nonprofits including the South San Francisco Public Library Foundation, Ability Path, and the San Mateo County Historical Association; and

WHEREAS, the renaming of the CLC in honor of Gene Mullin was first presented to the City's naming committee (ad hoc) on May 10, 2021, followed by a presentation at the June 9, 2021, meeting of the City/District liaison committee, which directed staff to make a presentation to the school board; and

WHEREAS, a presentation to the school board was held on July 15, 2021, at which time the Board modified their school naming facilities policy to allow for less than a one-year wait after the passing of a prospective honoree; and

WHEREAS, City and District staff followed the guidelines set forth in Board Policy 7310 by co-hosting a meeting of a Citizens' Advisory Committee appointed to review and consider the renaming of the CLC in honor of Gene Mullin; and

WHEREAS, the agenda packet was shared with community members by posting on the City and SSFUSD websites as well as on the SSFPL public notice display and distributed via school district, City and SSFPL electronic communication channels; and

WHEREAS, the Citizens' Advisory Committee met virtually via ZOOM on October 20, 2021, and, after receiving positive input from community members in attendance, added their own support via testimonials; the committee subsequently agreed to forward a recommendation to rename the CLC in honor of Gene Mullin to the school board for their review and adoption of a resolution;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the South San Francisco Unified School District hereby approves renaming the Community Learning Center on the Spruce Elementary School campus as the Gene Mullin Community Learning Center in honor of the late Gene Mullin.

REGULARLY PASSED AND ADOPTED this 18<sup>th</sup> day of November 2021.

AYES in Favor of Said Resolution

Patricia L. Murray  
Mina Ruiz  
John Baker  
Shawn Moore  
Diana Dugan

ATTEST:

Patricia L. Murray  
Secretary/Clerk of the Board  
Shawntera Moore  
Superintendent of Schools