



Legislation Text

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Report regarding a resolution naming the Third Floor Adult Library in the New Library | Parks and Recreation Center as the Jackie Speier Library Wing, after former Congresswoman Jackie Speier in honor of her lifelong support of public library programs, services and collections in South San Francisco. (*Valerie Sommer, Library Director*)

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that City Council receive a recommendation from the Library Board of Trustees and adopt a Resolution to name the Third Floor Adult Library in the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center as the Jackie Speier Library Wing after former Congresswoman Jackie Speier.

BACKGROUND/DISCUSSION

At the October 11, 2022 meeting of the City Council Naming Committee, Ad-Hoc, Committee members Mayor Mark Addiego and Council member Flor Nicolas provided direction to staff regarding naming an area in the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center after Congresswoman Jackie Speier. The Library Board of Trustees reviewed this request in an open, virtual ZOOM meeting at their February 28, 2023 regular meeting and directed staff, via consensus, to forward a recommendation to City Council to name the third floor Library Wing in the New Main Library in honor of Jackie Speier. City Council is responsible for final approval of the proposed name.

Congresswoman Speier grew up in South San Francisco, attended local schools, and has had an enduring love of the public library, having spent quality time at Grand Avenue Library and sharing the love of reading and literacy with her family. Through the years, Jackie has participated in many library programs and events. Two especially memorable ones are her enthusiastic participation when the Library hosted Lemony Snicket on February 2, 2006, and her selection of the Main Library for the March 19, 2016 presentation of her annual program: *When I Grow Up....an event for girls ages 8-15 - sponsored by Congresswoman Jackie Speier.*

Congresswoman Speier served in Congress as the U.S. Representative for California's 12th and 14th Congressional Districts from 2008 to 2023. Prior to Congress, she served in the San Mateo County Board of Supervisors, the California State Assembly, and the California State Senate. As our local Congresswoman, she has provided extraordinary service to the South San Francisco community, and recently secured \$1.5 million in federal funding to support our new joint Library, Parks and Recreation Center. Vice Mayor Nagales spoke with Congresswoman Speier who, as a lifelong public library supporter, is proud of securing funding for our new facility and would be honored to be acknowledged in the adult collections, literacy services and reading room spaces on the third floor of the new Main Library.

City Administrative Instruction

Administrative Instruction Section 1, #4 defines policies, responsibilities and procedures associated with naming of City facilities and was finalized on August 1, 2005. It is attached for reference. In addition to the practice of naming facilities based on geographic location, for easy reference by our residents, the Instruction also acknowledges special recognition of individuals who have made exceptional contributions to the City, including, in this current request, individuals who are being honored for their public service as an elected

official and/or as a community volunteer.

FISCAL IMPACT

Signage costs will be covered on a one-time basis by secured funding for the New Main Library | Parks and Recreation Center.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC PLAN

Acknowledging and celebrating community members who have made a difference in South San Francisco is embedded in Priority #2: Quality of Life and Priority #6: Community Connections.

CONCLUSION

Acceptance of this Resolution will provide recognition of Congresswoman Jackie Speier's exceptional service and dedication to our community by naming the Jackie Speier Library Wing on the third floor of the new Library | Parks and Recreation Center in her honor.

Attachments:

1. Administrative Instruction Section I, No. 4: Naming of City Facilities