



REPORT TO COUNCIL

City of Sacramento

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CONSENT
 February 24, 2009

Honorable Mayor and
 Members of the City Council

Title: Recommended Naming of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library

Location/Council District: Council District 7

Recommendation: Adopt a **Resolution:** Approving the naming of the Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

Contact: Cassandra H.B. Jennings, Assistant City Manager, 808-8888 and
 Vincene R. Jones, Director of Neighborhood Services Department,
 808-5072.

Presenters:

Department: City Manager's Office

Division:

Organization Number: 2001011

Description/ Analysis:

Issue: The Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library held several meetings to discuss and make a recommendation regarding the naming of the new library. At its July 16, 2008 meeting, the Friends of the Library approved the recommendation naming the Pocket-Greenhaven Library the "**Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library.**" A letter of recommendation from the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library is included as Attachment 2 of this report.

Councilmember Robbie Waters is a Sacramento native who attended Sacramento public schools. His distinguished career in law enforcement included his career with the Sacramento Police Department and his election as Sacramento County Sheriff in 1982. Councilmember Waters has served his constituents in the Greenhaven, Meadowview, Pocket, and Valley Hi neighborhoods since 1994. As a member of the City Council, Councilmember Waters currently serves as a board member of the Law and Legislation

Committee, the Sacramento Public Library Authority, Human Rights Fair Housing Commission, Sacramento County Disaster Commission, the Sacramento Metropolitan Cable Television Commission, and the Sacramento Regional County Solid Waste Authority. Councilmember Robbie Waters currently has dedicated 44 years of public service to his community.

Councilmember Waters has been the driving force for this new city library, working for years with the Sacramento City Unified School District to secure a joint-use partnership agreement, which is mutually beneficial to both the school district and the city. The funding for the \$15 million library was secured by the Councilmember through a variety of sources including disciplined savings of Councilmember discretionary funds over multiple years. Councilmember Waters continues to be instrumental in supporting projects and events of the Friends of the Library group as they prepare for the new library.

Policy Considerations: The proposed naming is consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy approved by City Council on February 26, 2008. The criteria for naming facilities include recognizing a local individual who has significantly contributed to the community of the facility.

Environmental Considerations: Not applicable

Commission / Committee Action: Not applicable

Rationale for Recommendation: The naming of the library in the Pocket-Greenhaven neighborhood is consistent with the City's Facility Naming Policy and Procedures. Councilmember Waters' leadership and dedication to public service has had a significant positive impact on the community of Sacramento.

Financial Considerations: Not applicable

Emerging Small Business Development (ESBD): Not applicable

Respectfully Submitted by: 
CASSANDRA H.B. JENNINGS
Assistant City Manager

Recommendation Approved:


RAY KERRIDGE
City Manager

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RESOLUTION NO.

**APPROVAL OF NAMING THE ROBBIE WATERS POCKET-GREENHAVEN
LIBRARY**

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

BACKGROUND

- A. The City Council wishes to recognize and honor the lifelong public service contributions of Councilmember Robbie Waters in law enforcement and city government.
- B. During his career as a councilmember and a long-time commissioner with the Sacramento Public Library Commission, he has had a tremendous impact on Council District 7, the City of Sacramento, and the city/county library system.
- C. Councilmember Waters succeeded in implementing a joint-use agreement with the Sacramento City Unified School District to secure the land owned by the school district as the designated library site.
- D. Councilmember Waters has worked diligently for the past fourteen years in pursuing the goal of a library in the Pocket-Greenhaven community.
- E. Councilmember Waters secured multiple funding sources for the library's construction, making the library a reality for the community.
- F. Councilmember Waters served on the Sacramento Public Library Authority since 1995 and as the chair in 2000 and 2008.
- G. Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library approved the recommendation to name the new library the "Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library", on July 16, 2008.

**BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY
COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:**

- Section 1. The Pocket-Greenhaven Library shall be named the "**Robbie Waters Pocket-Greenhaven Library**".



Anne Marie Gold
Sacramento Public Libraries
828 I Street
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Mrs. Gold:

On June 26 and July 16, 2008 the Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library held a meeting to discuss and make a recommendation for the naming of the new Library. The majority recommendation was to include Robbie Waters' name with Pocket-Greenhaven Library.

The reason we feel his name should be included is because he has worked diligently for the past 14 years to get a Library for our community and we all know if it had not been for his persistence in finally getting the money to build the Library approved, we would not even be discussing this matter.

It is not only the Library that the community can attribute to Councilman Waters hard work and dedication. There are so many other improvements that have been done in the community over the years that he has been in office. He has certainly contributed to making the Pocket-Greenhaven one of the most beautiful areas in Sacramento to live in.

We certainly hope his name will be a consideration in the naming for the new Library.

Sincerely

Dolores Nuse, President
Pocket-Greenhaven Friends of the Library