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Patty Gasso was born on May 27, 1962, and raised in a home across the street from Normandale Recreation Center in Harbor Gateway. Patty and her siblings spent countless hours at the Center while their mother worked long hours. It was on these very fields that Patty discovered her passion for softball, making Normandale an integral part of her formative years.

After playing college softball at California State University, Long Beach, she began coaching at Long Beach City College in 1990. In 1995, she became the head coach of the University of Oklahoma’s softball team, where she achieved unprecedented success. Under her leadership, the Sooners won 1,395 games with a winning percentage of .802, the highest among Division I softball coaches. Her teams have made 14 national championship appearances and secured eight national titles, including a historic four-peat with victories in 2021, 2022, 2023, and 2024.

Patty’s impact on women’s sports is incredibly profound. As we approach the 2028 Los Angeles Olympic Games with softball being an Olympic sport, it is the perfect opportunity for our City to recognize one of the most important figures in the sport’s history.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename the ball field at Normandale Recreation Center, located at 22400 Halldale Avenue, Los Angeles, CA 90501, to “Patty Froehlich Field”, in honor of Patty Gasso and recognition of her contributions to softball nationwide.

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