

MOTION

Porter Ridge Park, near the intersection of Sesnon Avenue and Reseda Boulevard, may just be one of the of more than 400 parks and facilities managed by the City of Los Angeles to most, but to neighbors it is so much more. Made famous by the iconic 1982 movie titled “E.T.: The Extra-Terrestrial” directed by Steven Spielberg, Porter Ridge Park has come to be known simply and informally as E.T. Park.

The park appeared in a scene where characters Elliott and Michael steal a van where E.T. had been loaded and take him to the park, helping him escape police and eventually return home. While over the years improvements to the park have been made, such as the addition of a new playground, the City and surrounding neighborhood worked to ensure that a caterpillar fixture at the park, featured in the movie, stayed.

In an effort to continue its commitment to celebrating the collective cultural heritage of Los Angeles, the City should take the necessary steps to formally “immortalize” this Recreation and Parks facility. All of this has been made possible by Universal Pictures approving the use of “E.T.” on a non-exclusive basis and authorizing the renaming of the park.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be **REQUESTED** to re-name Porter Ridge Park in Porter Ranch to E.T. Park in recognition of Steven Spielberg’s iconic movie.

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