

**Motion**

"General" Jeff Page arrived in the Skid Row community in 2006 knowing that he wanted to help people and strengthen the community. When he arrived he did not know anyone and got involved the same way that many residents do, by attending as many community meetings as possible.

Through attendance at these community meetings, he developed an understanding of the ongoing issues facing the neighborhood. While he learned about the issues, he didn't hear solutions being offered. So, he formed his own organization, "Issues and Solutions", to remind others that the last thing you should communicate is a Solution!

General Jeff began to advocate for Gladys Park, with the idea that green spaces were an important component of a healthy community. Working alongside the community, "Issues and Solutions" was able to replace the broken park benches, fix the cracked surface on the basketball court, upgrade the drinking fountain, and get increased cleaning from the Department of Recreation and Parks (RAP).

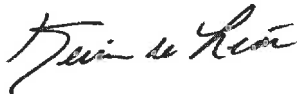
With the improvements to Gladys Park, the popularity of Skid Row's 3-on-3 Streetball League grew. General Jeff was able to enlist the LA84 Foundation and Nike to help transform the existing half basketball court into a full court.

General Jeff continued his advocacy for open space by pushing for the creation of the Gladys Park Advisory Board (PAB), which would grow to include San Julian Park. The creation of the PAB was a big step in allowing the residents of Skid Row to work with RAP on future park improvements.

General Jeff's commitment to Skid Row was second to none, and the City should recognize his selfless dedication by renaming Gladys Park in his honor.

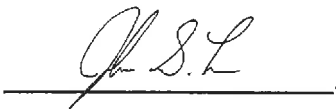
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to rename Gladys Park, located at 808 E. 6th Street, 90021, to General Jeff Page Park, in memory of General Jeff Page and in recognition of his advocacy for the Skid Row community and its need for open space.

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