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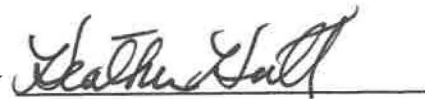
The field at Jackie Robinson Stadium located at the Rancho Cienega Recreation Center is a great asset to the community due to the rigorous work of Vera Ford. Her dedication to the youth of the community has created a safe environment for the children there to participate in various sports programs while also teaching them important life skills such as discipline and leadership.

Through sixty years of service, Vera Ford's participation in the Baldwin Hills Youth Football Association (BHYFA) has created an organization that focuses solely on giving back to the youth of the community. Her work did a tremendous job of targeting minority youth as she used the help of Black professionals from the Los Angeles Police Department to mentor and coach Black children while they played football. Beyond coaching and mentoring Vera Ford also invested personal time by dropping off and picking up children to and from games who did not have any means of transportation. As a result of her efforts many children were given an opportunity to play football that they may have not had without her.

It is appropriate that Vera Ford receives special recognition for the dedicated service she has provided for the youth of her community over the many years. Her contribution to the community has led to the advancement of many young men and women and her work should be celebrated by naming the field of the Jackie Robinson Stadium located at Rancho Cienega Recreation Center as the "Vera Ford Field."

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to name the field at Jackie Robinson Stadium located in the Rancho Cienega Recreation Center as the "**Vera Ford Field**" in recognition of her years of relentless dedication to this facility.

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