ATTACHMENT B

Nomination for Naming of Ball Field #1 at Serra Park For Robert "Bob" Bernhardt

Significant Community Contributions

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Biographical Information:

- Robert Owen "Bob" Bernhardt was born in Rochester Pennsylvania 10 April 1932 and graduated from high school there.
- Received his B.A. and M.A. from Northwestern in Evanston, IL
- Was a member of both his high school and college honor societies
- Served as an officer in the U.S. Navy on active duty for three years and was in the reserves for 17, retiring at Moffett Field
- Was married to Eleanor Burt Bernhardt for 49-1/2 years until he passed away on 29 November 2004
- Had two children and six grandchildren
- Was employed by Philco/Ford Aerospace/Loral for 38 years
- Was a resident of Sunnyvale for 45 years
- Was involved with Serra Little League for 32 years
- Served on the board of directors of Little League District 44 for 25 years
- Was president of the Fairbrae Swim Club for 2 years
- Served as an Elder for Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church in the early 1970's
- Was a Lay Leader in the Los Altos United Methodist Church from the late 1970's until his passing in 2004
- Presided over the Homestead High School's PTA in 1980-1981
- Was a member and president of SIRS, a retired professionals organization for a number of years

Significant Contributions to the Community of Sunnyvale:

Without limitation to those listed above, Mr. Bernhardt possessed the following exceptional attributes that provided the basis of his beneficial work on behalf of his community and fellow citizens.

Sustained Excellence of Service

Mr. Bernhardt began his service to his nation by serving honorably in the United States Navy on active duty and in the Naval Reserve, a number of years at Moffett Naval Air Station as a Public Relations Officer, retiring as a Lt. Commander. He further contributed to his nation while in the employ of Philco, then Ford Aerospace and finally Loral, achieving a position in charge of all facilities for the construction of space satellites. Mr. Bernhardt played an on-going leadership role in Serra Little League, serving as coach, manager, player agent and the majority of those years as an umpire and mentor to youth beginning their career of baseball officiating. He was chosen to serve on the District 44 elite umpiring team for all tournament and championship games. In

addition to his service to the local league, Bob was also active with the Board of Little League District 44, governing 14 leagues in Los Altos, Cupertino, Santa Clara and Sunnyvale. During that time he had the critical responsibility of scheduling all games for both the annual Tournament of Champions and All-Stars, eventually leading to the Little League World Series. Additionally, he handled all the game publicity between the District and the local newspapers, providing team rosters, winners, losers and next bracket pairings. All of these tasks had to be accomplished very quickly and with a high degree of accuracy and flexibility.

Contributing to the Community in a Variety of Ways, in Addition to a Special Field of Endeavor

While his children were in high school, Mr. Bernhardt also served with the Homestead Parent Teacher Association, rising to the position of president. He was also on the board and president of the Fairbrae Swim Club, as well as serving on the board and as president of SIRS (a retired professionals organization).

Mr. Bernhardt further benefited his community as an Elder in the Sunnyvale Presbyterian Church, and for many years as a Lay Leader and chairman of the finance and nominating committees at the Los Altos United Methodist Church.

Having the Hallmark Ability to Inspire and Motivate Others

Evidenced by his selection to numerous boards and presidencies, as well as the successes and betterment of the enterprises in which he participated, Mr. Bernhardt clearly demonstrated his skills at encouraging and rallying people to achieve goals and improve conditions for his fellow man.

As an umpire he tutored numerous youth to become baseball officials who continue in his footsteps and serve even today. On behalf of the District, he was an ambassador to the various leagues, encouraging their leadership to achieve successful baseball programs each summer, as well as guide and encourage their direction.

Being Recognized and Widely Respected by the Public

In addition to the support demonstrated for Mr. Bernhardt mentioned above, at the service to celebrate his life, the sanctuary of the United Methodist Church which holds 450 people was filled to overflowing, as was the entry vestibule with

those wishing to pay their respects and honor Bob. Numerous members of the congregation, friends and representatives of Little League spoke extemporaneously about his untiring, charitable community service.

Last year, the Serra Little League and a number of Bob's friends, with the unanimous approval of the City Council, placed a plaque in his honor at the ball field and dedicated the 2004 season to him. The Chief Operating Officer of Little League International wrote a lengthy letter extolling Mr. Bernhardt's service to the program which was read at the dedication of the plaque.

Acknowledgment of achievement by his peers

At his funeral service, many of his co-workers and supervisors spoke of his successes at work and selflessness in facilitating others' advancement within the corporation. Others outside of his company recognized Mr. Bernhardt for his skill as a construction project manager and contract administrator because of this successful building and re-model projects completed on time and within the allowed budget.

Embodying exemplary qualities and skills that serve as a model for others

Mr. Bernhardt had a wonderful sense of humor that he used to endear himself to those with whom he worked and volunteered to achieve what needed to be done, and most times, more than the stated goal. He used logic and reason to attack projects and persevered to insure the successful completion of that which he had taken responsibility. Everything in which he was involved turned out better because of his participation. He led by example and those on his project team always toiled harder in order not to disappoint Bob, and do as much as he did. His organizational skills allowed him to deal effectively with the ever-changing dynamics of the Little League tournament schedules, gathering and distributing publicity from completed games.

Setting a Standard of Accomplishment Not Easily Achieved, Yet Attainable by All, and Immediately Recognizable by Everyone

It is almost overwhelming to contemplate the totality of Mr. Bernhardt's accomplishments. While successfully rising within his company (under three different managements), being a model husband and father to two well-adjusted children and grandfather to their children, Mr. Bernhardt diligently carried a full slate of volunteerism. As detailed above, he was active in his children's' high school, a very good umpire and mentor to young officials, accomplished

scheduler and public relations representative for District 44, served as a lay leader in his church, he functioned on boards and led clubs to which he belonged. He proved that it is possible to accomplish a great deal more than most of us can imagine, or are willing to take on, and was admired by all for his successes and cheery demeanor while achieving so much.

Longevity and/or continuity of service to the community

Mr. Bernhardt has a continuous and exemplary record of achievement and demonstrated it over a prolonged period of time. His service to the Navy lasted for 20 years; three years on active duty, and 17 more years in the Reserve. He worked for a national defense contractor for 38 years. As a Sunnyvale resident for almost 45 years, the City enjoyed the benefit of Mr. Bernhardt's volunteerism in local Little League for 32 years, and he served for 25 years at the District level. He devoted service to his churches in excess of 30 years, as well as gave of himself to his clubs and children's school for a combined total of 11 years.

Possessing sound moral character

Showing that a person has a bad moral character may be easier than proving the opposite. In Mr. Bernhardt's case, membership in two academic honor societies, earning a pair of college degrees from a highly respected university, 20 years of honorable military service, 49 years of marriage that produced two children and six grandchildren, 38 years of work for one company, and a portfolio of volunteerism with two churches, a school organization, Little League service on two levels and lengthy leadership positions in several clubs present an almost limitless array of situations in which moral and ethical choices present themselves. Mr. Bernhardt possessed an unassailable record in his family, business, church, and volunteer relationships throughout his life. It would not be possible to have such an unblemished ethical record without a strong moral compass.

Over his lifetime, and especially during his time in Sunnyvale, Mr. Bernhardt compiled a formidable testimony of achievement and served his community with distinction and is deserving of recognition with the naming of a ball field in honor of his distinguished volunteerism.