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Hugo Curiel  
Director, Parks and Recreation  
City of Fullerton  
303 W. Commonwealth Ave  
Fullerton, CA 92832

Re: Chapman Park Field Naming

Mr. Clements,

On behalf of East Fullerton Little League, I am requesting that Chapman Park Field 1 be named Steve Macchia Field. In October, 2017 the Board of Directors of East Fullerton Little League voted unanimously to support renaming of the field.

Steve Macchia began volunteering with East Fullerton Little League in the early 2000's. He coached several his son's teams as a volunteer from the T-ball division (five-year-olds) to the Junior division (13 and 14-year-olds). During that time Steve also volunteered as a board member for the league. He took on the very tedious role of field coordinator and was responsible for the maintenance and preparation of all the playing fields at Chapman Park. Steve spent thousands of hours on the fields watering, mowing, and manicuring them. Because of Steve's work on the fields, thousands of children in the East Fullerton community were able to enjoy a clean and safe baseball field to play on.

When Steve's son entered high school, he continued to serve the East Fullerton community. Though he was no longer coaching or on the Board of Directors, Steve was still seen out on the field at Chapman Park watering, trimming, and mowing. Many times teams would arrive at the park and find the fields prepped for games. Steve had taken time to prepare the fields just to help.

Around 2008 Steve began to umpire baseball games for East Fullerton Little League. His knowledge and experience of the game allowed him to be one of the most consistent and knowledgeable umpires on the field. He always took the time to educate the players, and the coaches, about the game when umpiring. He later became an umpire trainer and helped develop many young umpires. Many are still officiating today.

In 2016, Steve was diagnosed with advanced stage liver cancer. Even though he was undergoing chemotherapy he still wanted to be on the field. When he was feeling strong enough he would umpire games. Steve always said that being on the field was like therapy to him. Chapman Park was truly his happy place. Even when Steve had no energy to umpire he still wanted to help by doing evaluations of younger umpires to give them feedback and mentor them to improve.

In September, 2017 Steve lost his battle with cancer. His passing was a huge loss to the East Fullerton Little League community and the baseball community in Fullerton. The naming of Field 1 at Chapman Park would ensure that the dedication and service Steve provided to the community will never be forgotten.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Tony Bogart', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Tony Bogart  
Umpire-in-Chief  
Board of Directors  
East Fullerton Little League