



Memorandum

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council

FROM: Councilmember Jimenez
Councilmember Peralez

SUBJECT: Proposed Renaming of the Police Substation located at 6087 Great Oaks Parkway to the Chaplain Dave Bridgen Southern Police Station

DATE: November 2, 2018

Approved

 Date 11/02/18

RECOMMENDATION

Approve the staff recommendation to hold a public hearing and make recommendations to the City Council regarding the Police Department's request to rename the Police Substation (6087 Great Oaks Parkway) in honor of the late Police Chaplain Dave Bridgen.

ANALYSIS

Affixing the name of Chaplain Dave Bridgen to the South San Jose Police Substation is fitting. Chaplain Dave Bridgen has left a legacy of honor, righteousness, and service to others without expectation of compensation beyond officer donations. His immeasurable contributions have supported SJPD in training, graduation ceremonies, and the implementation of several programs that have benefited the welfare of the Department. Most admirable was his commitment to better the lives of our police officers and their families, especially in their most challenging times.

From assisting families with funeral arrangements to providing emotional support to police personnel, Mr. Bridgen and his family were always willing to lift a helping hand. His actions not only made him a great resource to the SJPD community, but also a close friend and confidant to many.

Per Council policy 7-5: "consideration shall be given to the naming of City-Owned land and facilities after an individual has been deceased for at least 5 years, and made significant contributions to the City through a long-term commitment to providing benefit to the residents and visitors to San José." We feel that Chaplain Dave Bridgen's legacy, commitment, and contributions to the City of San Jose, are justification for the renaming of the Substation prior to the recommended 5 years.

As a previous police officer, Councilmember Raul Peralez witnessed the late Chaplain's passion for his work and the character in which he performed his duties. It is because of this that there is no better way to honor his name and life than by prominently affixing his name to our South San Jose Police Substation. We urge our Council colleagues to support SJPD, the Bridgen family, and our recommendation for the renaming of the police substation.