RESOLUTION NO. 2016-175

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE CALIFORNIA AND ELM GYM THE "MAXIE L. PARKS COMMUNITY CENTER AND GYM"

WHEREAS, the Council has the ability to name public facilities pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code section 5-101; and

WHEREAS, the City purchased the Community Center and gym at 1802 East California Avenue in 2010, and the facility has become an asset to the community, providing recreational opportunities and community programming serving residents throughout the City, and in particular the residents of Southwest Fresno; and

WHEREAS, like the Gym, celebrated athlete and community leader Maxie L. Parks is a point of pride and an asset to the community of Southwest Fresno; and

WHEREAS, Maxie L. Parks was born July 9, 1951, in Lee County, Arkansas, and he and his family moved to Fresno when he was ten years old; and

WHEREAS, Maxie attended West Fresno Elementary and Junior High Schools, where he began to formally embrace his love for track and field and other sports; and

WHEREAS, Maxie graduated from Washington Union High School in Easton, where he participated in football, wrestling, and track and field, was All American twice, and league champion in wrestling; and

WHEREAS, Maxie received a track scholarship to Fresno City College, and later a full scholarship to UCLA, where he obtained a Bachelor's Degree in Sociology; and

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WHEREAS, after college Maxie was part of four United States teams that toured Europe and trained for the 1976 Olympics in Montreal, Canada, where he placed fifth in the 400 meters and obtained a gold medal in the 1600 meter relay; and

WHEREAS, Maxie continued to pursue his dream of track and field, training for the 1980 Olympics until the United States boycott of the games, after which Maxie retired from competition in 1981; and

WHEREAS, Maxie has been inducted into the Hall of Fame for the City and County of Fresno, Washington Union High School, Fresno City College, and UCLA Athletics; and

WHEREAS, Maxie is currently an active member of Westside Church of God, was elected a Board Member in 1999, and has held the position of Vice Chairman since 2000; and

WHEREAS, in 2001, Maxie became the Westside Church of God Building Fund Chair and was able to raise $400,000 to erect a multi-use building for the church and community of Southwest Fresno, and because of his integrity in raising funds was formally elected the chair of church fundraising programs in 2009; and

WHEREAS, Maxie's commitment to athletic excellence and to the community of Southwest Fresno make him deserving of the honor of having his name placed upon the community center and gym at California and Elm Avenues.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The gym and community center located at California and Elm Avenues shall hereafter be named the "Maxie L. Parks Community Center and Gym."

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, YVONNE SPENCE, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the 15th day of September, 2016.

AYES : Baines, Brandau, Olivier, Quintero, Soria, Caprioglio
NOES : None
ABSENT: Brand
ABSTAIN: None

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____ 9/30/16
Katie Doerr, Chief Assistant Date

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