

ATTACHMENT 1

August 2, 2021

Kevin Fant  
Parks and Recreation Department  
City of Manteca  
252 Magnolia Avenue  
Manteca, CA 95337

RE: Griffin Park Phase A – Willie Weatherford Park naming request

Dear Kevin,

On behalf of Atherton Homes and Raymus Homes, we respectfully request that the park in Phase A of Griffin Park be named **Willie Weatherford Park** in honor of Willie Weatherford, former Manteca police chief and mayor.

A little about Willie...Originally from Galt, Willie moved to Manteca in 1966 to serve as one of 11 Manteca Police Officers. He rose through the ranks from patrolman to sergeant, then captain, and finally became the Chief of Police. Willie retired in 1994 with 29 years of service to the Manteca Police Department.

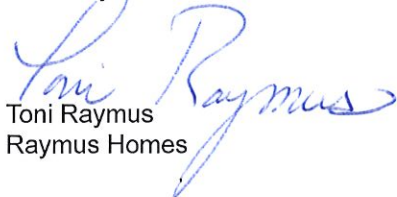
But his commitment to the citizens of Manteca did not stop there. Willie went on to serve Manteca as a City Council member for six years from 1996-2002. He capped off his political career as Manteca Mayor, serving from 2002-2014 for a total of 12 years.

Willie's tenure on the Manteca City Council included involvement in numerous civic improvements including a new surface water treatment plant, a major wastewater treatment plant upgrade, and the development of the 52-acre Woodward Park. He also helped to secure developments such as Spreckels Park, The Promenade Shops at Orchard Valley, Del Webb at Woodbridge, the Stadium Retail Center, and Big League Dreams

In addition to his political involvement, Willie was also philanthropically connected to the Manteca community. Willie was a Founding Member and driving force in the formation of the Manteca Boys & Girls Club. He served on the Eskaton board which provided subsidized senior housing. Willie was also a member of Manteca Kiwanis and the United Lutheran Church Council. In recognition of tireless dedication to our City, Willie was inducted into the Manteca Hall of Fame's Class of 2000.

Thank you for your consideration in naming this park after someone who truly made (and continues to make) Manteca a better community.

Sincerely,

  
Toni Raymus  
Raymus Homes

  
Albert Boyce  
Atherton Homes