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SF Recreation & Parks Department

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# Name SOMA Batting Cages After Tim Figueras!!

[Misha Olivas San Francisco, CA](#)



443 have signed. Let's get to 500.

[Misha Olivas](#)  
[San Francisco, CA](#)

Tim Figueras is a fierce champion for youth sports in the South of Market, especially Baseball. On June 8, 2017, along with Tim, the Friends of Gene Friend/VMD Park advocated to get a batting cage installed at VMD Park. Tim worked in Soma for more than three decades and was part of the original staff of the Gene Friend Rec Center when it opened in 1990. Tim was raised in San Francisco, attended SF schools, making him an exemplar of home grown leadership. Tim worked hard to encourage youth to participate in sports as an

alternative to the negative behaviors found all around them and to promote health and safety in Soma. Tim fought tirelessly to advocate for funding to ensure that low income youth had access to funds for registration fees and for the equipment needed to play Baseball, even supporting a few youth into professional sports.

Tim deserves this honor and the youth of our community deserve the chance to see a local hero memorialized to inspire them to work hard and make change in their own community!

**This petition will be delivered to:**

- SF Recreation & Parks Department
- SF Recreation & Park Commission
- SF Board of Supervisors

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**Read the letter**

**Misha Olivas** started this petition with a single signature, and now has 443 supporters. Start a petition today to change something you care about.

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**Updates**

1 day ago

Petition update

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**[Tuesday 10/17 4:30 pm at City Hall!!](#)**

[Thank you everyone for signing! We've gotten word that public comment should happen around 4:30 pm on Tuesday the 17th for this issue! Please, please, please come to the City Hall Board Chamber and offer a personal...](#)

**2 weeks ago**

250 supporters

443 supporters

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## Reasons for signing

See why other supporters are signing, why this petition is important to them, and share your reason for signing (this will mean a lot to the starter of the petition).

Thanks for adding your voice.

### [Estella Egar](#)

[3 hrs ago](#)

Tim's work and presence in the SOMA community has been a constant positive thing for this community and this would be a PERFECT way of honoring him!

### [Leslie Wong](#)

[3 days ago](#)

Tim is an exemplary leader with a commitment to his work and the community. I know him personally through family and found that his reputation extended beyond this connection when one of his past ball player's family came into our baseball league and could not say enough positive things about him. It is plain to see he puts alot of time and effort to make the community better through his work and time spent with youth. Naming these batting cages after Tim would be a fitting acknowledgement of someone who is so well-deserving of this honor.

### [eric tao](#)

[4 days ago](#)

We worked with Tim to get the homerun fence complete, i've never met anyone more dedicated to the kids and community at Gene Friends and VMD over so many years than Tim.

### [Robert Marquez](#)

[5 days ago](#)

Tim is a righteous dude who has mentored the youth for decades and should be honored.

### [Angelica Cabande](#)

[5 days ago](#)

Tim is what community is

**[kathryn nelson](#)**

[1 wk ago](#)

Tim is an exceptional coach!

**[Ilana Samuels](#)**

[1 wk ago](#)

Kids in the community need people to look up to.

Tim is wonderful!

**[Dan McNab](#)**

[1 wk ago](#)

Kids need an outlet

**[keith battle](#)**

[1 wk ago](#)

Tim is an incredible human being and deserves to have his legacy of kindness, tenacity, sportsmanship, and love preserved for ages to come.

**[Erina Alejo](#)**

[2 wks ago](#)

No matter how humble a gesture, it is powerful and important to have a community leader, elder and everyday s/hero's name on our batting cage-- this is a narrative and moment important to our cultural history and collective memory as a people, and will endure the changes our SoMa... Read more

**[Beth Silver](#)**

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim is straight up good stuff.

**[April Veneracion](#)**

[2 wks ago](#)

Thanks for starting this petition Misha and thanks Tim for your warmth, openness, wisdom and dedication to generations of SOMA youth.

[mary ann masagca](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

It's a challenging task to take care of children who aren't yours or family members, but Tim played a positive role that impacted kids' lives

[Mary Claire Amable](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim has done so much for this community and deserves to be recognized for it!

[Charm Consolacion](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim is an amazing person! He's community minded and has a big heart! Thank you for all you do in Soma ❤️👍

[Fiona O'Shea](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

My kids love the batting cage - Thank you Tim and Friends of VMD

[Diane Palacio](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim has helped so many over the years, he is an excellent role model.

[Dianne Alvarado](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim has been a consistent presence in SOMA for all of us. His ownership and parenting of all of the children and programs enhances and enriches all of us in some way. His dedication and friendliness make SOMA memorable for its children and families and he should always be remembered... Read more

[Roberta Vega](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim was the heart of SOMA rec center. My very first coach back in the t-ball days. No one is more deserving of such an honor.

[Joseph Payongayong](#)

[2 wks ago](#)

Tim has done so much for the SOMA Youths since the 80's!!! Give credit where credit is due! Aloha

**Denis Fama**

2 wks ago

Well deserved local recognition

**John Donohue**

2 wks ago

Deservedly so!

**Rebecca Siri**

2 wks ago

I believe Tim deserves this honor. He's always been a hard worker, and a wonderful friend.

**Reginald Milligan**

2 wks ago

Tim was a big influence to a community that is plaque by drug activity, and he provided S.O.M.A. to be a safe haven.

**Karen Nolan**

2 wks ago

Amazing, tireless advocate for the youth of SOMA.

**Kerry McGillicuddy**

2 wks ago

I could not think of a more fitting Person to have his name there.!

**Ernesto Hernandez**

2 wks ago

Signed. Over and over again if I could.

I met Tim 25 years ago and NOBODY, past or present, has done what Tim has done for... Read more

**Patrick Valentino**

2 wks ago

Agreed!!!