



October 15, 2017

Dear Supervisor Kim,

On behalf of the SOMA Pilipinas community, thank you for sponsoring the resolution to name the batting cages at Victoria Manalo Draves Park after Tim Figueras, a long-time, well-loved, and unsung hero of the village that is SOMA Pilipinas.

Tim was one of the first community leaders I met when I first got involved in the South of Market community more than 20 years ago. Tim's tireless work as staff at the Gene Friend Recreation Center (formerly SoMa Rec Center) since it opened in 1990 has allowed generations of children and families in the South of Market – Filipino and non-Filipino alike – to enjoy a safe, and nurturing community. His warm and welcoming personality embodies the spirit of *Bayanihan* that we value so dearly at SOMA Pilipinas. Naming the batting cage at Victoria Manal Draves Park after Tim would bring tremendous honor to the community he has helped sustain for three decades.

Even after retirement, Tim continues to be very active in the community. Particularly, he has been a leading force in organizing the annual Barrio Fiesta celebration held every Spring at Gene Friend Rec Center. Tim is a mentor, a friend, and a role model to many generations of SoMa youth. This resolution represents an important effort to honor the legacy of one of our Filipino community's contemporary heroes, and to also help raise the visibility of our community's history, presence, and contributions to the South of Market neighborhood.

Thank you so much recognizing Tim's decades of exemplary service and for your continued support of the Filipino community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Raquel Redondiez". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long, sweeping underline.

Raquel Redondiez
Director, SOMA Pilipinas - Filipino Cultural Heritage District



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Dear Supervisor Jane Kim and RPD Director Phil Ginsburg,

My name is Rudy Corpuz Jr. I am the Founder and Director of United Playaz, a violence prevention and leadership development organization designed to provide youth with positive role models and activities to engage in as an alternative to involvement with gangs, drugs and other high risk behaviors. I am writing this letter to respectfully request that the Batting Cages at Victoria Manalo Draves Park be named after Tim Figueras.

Tim Figueras retired from the Rec and Park Department last year after many years of valuable service to San Francisco youth. In his years of service to Soma youth in particular, Tim's passion for sports became contagious and led many young people to become involved in sports as an alternative to the negative behaviors they see daily in their community. Tim's commitment to supporting Soma youth led to many high school and college scholarships and even a few semi and pro careers. The cost of equipment and gear to play baseball can add up quickly which is often a deterrent for youth from low income communities but Tim always fought long and hard to make sure that youth in Soma had the same opportunity to play as youth from other neighborhoods in SF. In one of his last efforts of advocacy as an employee of RPD, Tim worked with the Friends of Gene Friend/VMD Park to secure these batting cages for Soma youth. It is only fitting that they be named in honor of the man who fought for Baseball for Soma youth.

In peace,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Rudy Corpuz Jr." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Rudy Corpuz Jr.
Executive Director



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Dear Supervisor Jane Kim & Phil Ginsberg,

West Bay would like to extend their gratitude to you for sponsoring the resolution to name the batting cage at Victoria Manalo Draves Park after one of our SoMa heroes and community leaders, Tim Figueras.

Tim has worked tirelessly to advocate for youth and families in SoMa, especially those that are at-risk and in most need. As a community worker for the past ten years, Tim has always been the glue amongst many organizations and reminded us all that the heart is always with the community. He has always led with kindness to help our youth including - assisting us with SoMa's very own baseball league, and facilitating year round activities, events and programming to help create enrichment in the lives of our youth and keep them safe.

Even after retirement, Tim continues to work for the SoMa community to make sure underprivileged youth and families are represented as our community continues to change. Tim's advocacy for sports, especially baseball, coupled with his love for the sport would make having the batting cage named after him a true dedication. We thank you both, for recognizing Tim's commitment to SoMa and thank you for always advocating and acknowledging true leaders in our community!

Sincerely,

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Somera, Alisa (BOS)

From: Duong, Noelle (BOS)
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 12:43 PM
Subject: Fw: Tim Figueras Batting Cage

From: Migrante Somatl <migrantesomatl@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 11:29 AM
To: Duong, Noelle (BOS)
Subject: Tim Figueras Batting Cage

Dear Supervisor Kim:

We, the members of Migrante South of Market & Tenderloin (SoMa/TL), thank you for your support and leadership in District 6 and for acknowledging and honoring the achievements of our everyday local s/heroes. We are writing to you in support of the resolution to name the Batting Cage at Victoria Manalo Draves Park after Tim Figueras.

As you know, Tim has worked with the Parks and Recreation Department for over 3 decades and was one of the original staff at the SoMa Gene Friend Recreation Center. Throughout his tenure, he has positively impacted many children, youth, and their families spanning across generations through sports and recreation, character development and sportsmanship, and building skills and confidence. And even in his retirement, he maintains his connections to the generations of youth he mentored and their families.

His leadership has helped our communities continue to thrive, have access to healthy living, and gave many youth across the generations a positive outlet amidst all of the challenges our working class and immigrant families face day-to-day.

Migrante SoMa/TL is a grassroots organization that advocates for the rights and welfare of migrant workers and is a chapter of the global Migrante International, and Tim Figueras' dedication to the SoMa community, its youth and families embodies the better, accessible, and healthier world that is possible. Even when acknowledging his own contributions, Tim remains humble; so let's move forward in honoring one of our local community warriors and healers with the naming of the **Tim Figueras Batting Cage!**

In Peace, Community, and Solidarity,

Migrante South of Market & Tenderloin

From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS-Supervisors; BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Tim Figueras Batting Cages
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:31:26 AM

From: Mandi Hand [mailto:mandi@unitedplayaz.org]
Sent: Monday, October 16, 2017 10:27 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Tim Figueras Batting Cages

Hello Supervisors,

I wanted to send in a letter of request about naming the batting cages in Victoria Manalo Draves Park after Tim Figueras. He has been a warrior for SoMa and has fought hard to make sure we have adequate opportunities for the youth in the neighborhood. I myself have been blessed by Tim's love for SoMa and love for baseball. 4 years ago we did a weekly skills activity around baseball for the youth in SoMa. At the end of the time a couple of the middle school students asked if we would be able to now have a team for the upcoming Spring season and Tim somehow made it all come together and happen. I was chosen as the assistant coach for this team. We went on to play in a summer league as well, bearing the SoMa name. Now four years later I am preparing to coach my 6th season for SoMa. None of this would have been possible without the support, guidance, and encouragement from Tim. I believe by naming the batting cage that he fought hard to have in our community would be an amazing way to honor the work he did and continues to do in SoMa. Thank you for your consideration.

Mandi Hand

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From: [Board of Supervisors, \(BOS\)](#)
To: [BOS Legislation, \(BOS\)](#)
Subject: FW: Naming SoMa Batting Cage
Date: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 8:18:04 AM

From: Kay Rodrigues [mailto:kayrodrigues50@gmail.com]
Sent: Tuesday, October 17, 2017 3:56 AM
To: Board of Supervisors, (BOS) <board.of.supervisors@sfgov.org>
Subject: Naming SoMa Batting Cage

Hello Board of Supervisors,

I am in support of dedicating and naming the Batting Cages located Victoria Manalo Drive Park to "Tim Figueras".

Not only has Tim dedicated his passion, energy and life to the SoMa community he has transformed lives of many children, teens and young adults who've resided in or hungout at SoMa during the Tim Figueras era.

Still today as a retiree he volunteers and attends community meetings and events at SoMa.

Even in retirement he continues to give his time and energy to the Filipino community at SoMa. It would be most appropriate as a token of appreciation from the SoMa community which he continues to serve, to name the batting cages after him, Tim Figueras.

Respectfully,

Kay Rodrigues
Community Supporter
And resident of SF for over 50 years