

1 [Urging the Recreation and Park Commission to Name the Batting Cage at Victoria Manalo
2 Draves Park - "Tim Figueras Batting Cage"]

3 **Resolution urging the Recreation and Park Commission to name the new batting cages**
4 **installed at Victoria Manalo Draves Park "Tim Figueras Batting Cage" after former Gene**
5 **Friend Recreation Center and longtime community member, Tim Figueras.**

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7 WHEREAS, The new batting cage officially opened at Victoria Manalo Draves (VMD)
8 Park June 8, 2017, is currently unnamed; and

9 WHEREAS, Tim Figueras along with Friends of Gene Friend and Victoria Manalo
10 Draves Park were instrumental in getting the batting cage installed; and

11 WHEREAS, The community groups involved in bring the batting cage to the park
12 include Friends of Gene Friend Rec Center and Friends of VMD Park, and United Playaz; and

13 WHEREAS, All of the aforementioned groups support naming the batting cage after
14 Tim Figueras; and

15 WHEREAS, This batting cage is located in the SoMa Pilipinas Cultural District which
16 aims to highlight the legacy of Filipino history and vitality in the South of Market neighborhood
17 and Tim Figueras’s commitment to the community and life experience aligns with this vision;
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19 WHEREAS, Tim Figueras worked in the South of Market community for more than
20 three decades and was part of the original staff at the Gene Friend Recreation Center when
21 the facility opened in 1990; and

22 WHEREAS, Mr. Figueras was raised in San Francisco, attended San Francisco public
23 schools, and has a long history of dedication to the community, making him an exemplar of
24 home grown local leadership; and

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1 WHEREAS, Mr. Figueras encourages youth to participate in sports as an alternative to
2 the negative behaviors to promote health and safety in the South of Market neighborhood;
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4 WHEREAS, Throughout Mr. Figueras's career he advocated for funding to ensure that
5 low income youth had access to equipment needed to play baseball; and

6 WHEREAS, The Recreation and Park Commission policy on naming and or changing
7 the designation or facilities states that the Commission will name a new park, playground,
8 baseball diamond, path, tennis court, flower bed, or miscellaneous facility to recognize living
9 people for whom an area has some particular significance to the park or park system and
10 where there is broad community support for such a designation; now, therefore, be it

11 RESOLVED, That the City and County acknowledges and honors Tim Figueras for his
12 dedication to the welfare of the South of Market Community; and, be it

13 FURTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges the
14 Recreation and Park Commission to memorialize Mr. Figueras's tremendous devotion and
15 heartfelt advocacy for sports in the SoMa community by naming the batting cage at Victoria
16 Manalo Draves Park in his honor; and, be it

17 FUTHER RESOLVED, That the City and County of San Francisco urges Recreation
18 and Park Commission to name the batting cage at Victoria Manalo Draves Park now and
19 henceforth as the "Tim Figueras Batting Cage."
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