

**REPORT/RECOMMENDATION TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS
OF BLOOMINGTON RECREATION AND PARK DISTRICT
AND RECORD OF ACTION**

June 18, 2025

FROM

NOEL CASTILLO, Director, Department of Public Works – Special Districts

SUBJECT

Renaming of Kessler Park Snack Bar in Bloomington Recreation and Park District

RECOMMENDATION(S)

Acting as the governing body of the Bloomington Recreation and Park District, approve the renaming of the snack bar at Kessler Park to the Escoto Family Snack Shack.

(Presenter: Noel Castillo, Director, 387-7906)

COUNTY AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER GOALS & OBJECTIVES

Operate in a Fiscally-Responsible and Business-Like Manner.

Ensure Development of a Well-Planned, Balanced, and Sustainable County.

FINANCIAL IMPACT

Approval of this item will not result in the use of additional Discretionary General Funding (Net County Cost). The cost of the renaming, estimated to be \$13,200, will be funded with the remaining funds from the Kessler Park Picnic Table Project (6250003166), which were allocated by the Board of Supervisors on March 12, 2024 (Item No. 52).

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The Department of Public Works – Special Districts, through the Operations Division, directly manages, operates and maintains the Bloomington Recreation and Park District, including Kessler Park.

The snack bar and restroom building at Kessler Park, originally built in 1972, has served generations of Bloomington families. Over the years, it has been adapted and improved to meet the needs of the community, with Bloomington Little League (BLL) as its current tenant.

For nearly a decade, Edgar and Teresa Escoto (Escotos) have been at the heart of BLL's success and community spirit. As longtime residents of Bloomington for 28 years, the Escotos have dedicated themselves to serving local youth and families through BLL. Edgar began as a coach and, for the past 10 years, has served on the BLL Board, including eight years as President. Teresa has been an equally vital part of BLL, managing the snack bar for over six years and currently serving as the Public Relations Officer.

Beyond their official roles, the Escotos have spent countless volunteer hours improving the Kessler Park snack bar, turning it into one of the finest in the region. Their leadership, kindness, and commitment have left a lasting mark, not only on the park and BLL, but on the entire Bloomington community.

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The Escotos will be stepping down in the summer of 2025. In recognition of their continuous service, and in accordance with County Policy 12-16, which allows facilities to be named in honor of those who have served their communities in an exceptional and distinguished manner, it is recommended that the snack bar at Kessler Park be renamed the Escoto Family Snack Shack.

PROCUREMENT

Not applicable.

REVIEW BY OTHERS

This item has been reviewed by County Counsel (Aaron Gest, Deputy County Counsel, 387-5455) on April 28, 2025; Finance (Amanda Trussell, Principal Administrative Analyst, 387-4773) on May 5, 2025; and County Finance and Administration (Paloma Hernandez-Barker, Deputy Executive Officer, 387-5423) on May 5, 2025.

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APPROVED (CONSENT CALENDAR)

Moved: Curt Hagman Seconded: Joe Baca, Jr.
Ayes: Col. Paul Cook (Ret.), Jesse Armendarez, Dawn Rowe, Curt Hagman, Joe Baca, Jr.

Lynna Monell, SECRETARY

BY 
DATED: June 18, 2025



cc: File - Bloomington Recreation and Park District
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