

CHABOT-LAS POSITAS COMMUNITY COLLEGE DISTRICT

September 14, 2021

Agenda Item: 5.5

Subject: Approval of Renaming the Chabot College Baseball Facility from Gene Wellman Field to Steve Friend Stadium and Gene Wellman Field

Background: In 2012, the Board of Trustees approved renaming the baseball field at Chabot College to Gene Wellman Field. This was in honor of the many years of service Mr. Wellman gave Chabot College Baseball and our athletic programs over a 32-year career at the college. Mr. Wellman was the Head Baseball Coach (1962-76), Assistant Football Coach (1962-72) and Athletic Director (1968-94) during his tenure at Chabot College. Mr. Wellman compiled 336 victories at the helm of the Baseball Program and coached numerous conference champions and made state playoff appearances. Mr. Wellman retired from Chabot College in 1994. The 2012 renaming of the field was well deserved and Chabot College seeks to preserve it.

Steve Friend assumed the Head Baseball Coach position at Chabot College in 1989, and held this position for twenty-nine seasons (1989-2017). In that time Mr. Friend has compiled an impressive list of accomplishments including:

- 857 victories, fifteen Conference Championships in the Golden Gate and Coast Conferences
- Two Northern California Sectional appearances
- Fourteen Northern California Super Regional appearance
- Seven Northern California Championship appearances
- Three Northern California Championships
- Eleven State Championship Final Eight appearances
- Three State Championship Final Four appearances
- Twenty-four State Playoff appearances
- There have been 162 players drafted or who signed contracts with Major League Baseball teams
- Six Major League Players
- Eight California State Players of the year
- Fifty-seven All-Americans
- Seventy-eight All-Northern California Players
- Thirty-five Conference Players Year
- Five All-California State Players
- 136 Academic All-Americans
- 162 players who received scholarships to NCAA Division I colleges and universities
- 382 players that received scholarships to four-year colleges and universities
- California Community College Baseball Coaches Association
- “Coach of the Year” nine times
- Awarded the Louisville Slugger Coach’s Award thirteen times
- Named the NORCAL Professional Scouts Association Coach of the year in 2014.

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Recommended Action: That the Board of Trustees approve the renaming of the Chabot College baseball field from Gene Wellman Field to the Steve Friend Baseball Stadium and Gene Wellman Field in honor of the dedication, enthusiasm and outstanding service given to the Chabot College Baseball Program for 29 years by Steve Friend. It is further recommended that the Board authorize the Vice Chancellor of Business Services to approve the renaming of this field on behalf of the District.

Submitted by: Jonah R. Nicholas/Date

Approved: Ronald P. Gerhard/Date

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