

October 20, 2025

Tiffany Allen  
City Manager  
Frank Carson  
Parks and Recreation Director  
Martin Calvo  
Parks and Recreation Commission Chair  
City of Chula Vista  
276 4th Ave, Chula Vista, CA 91910

Dear Ms. Allen, Mr. Carson, and Mr. Calvo:

We, the undersigned, members of the South Bay Filipino Community, are asking for you to consider proposing the naming or renaming of a public park in Chula Vista to honor and memorialize the significant contributions of the local Filipino and Filipino American community. For reference, Filipinos make up 20% of the Chula Vista community, a significant portion.

While we are aware of discussions of a specific Filipino Veterans' park, we wholeheartedly feel that a park dedicated to our community should also be inclusive of the diverse accomplishments and contributions of the Filipino community, including our veterans and others, to our city.

We feel that a park dedicated to our community should be able to host large events, such as an annual Filipino festival that has ample parking, restrooms, and access to public transportation, that could attract visitors from across the region. This would be more suitable than a smaller neighborhood park that may have limited parking and not be able to accommodate such events.

We are committed to celebrating the rich history, cultural heritage, and civic engagement of Filipino and Filipino American residents in Chula Vista. We believe that dedicating a park in recognition of our enduring contributions will provide a meaningful and lasting acknowledgment, foster community pride, and create an inclusive space for reflection and connection.

We are eager to collaborate with the City Manager's office and the Parks and Recreation Department to ensure that this initiative reflects the values and interests of both the Filipino/Filipino American community and the broader Chula Vista community.

We look forward to meeting with you on this meaningful project and welcome the opportunity to discuss it further at your convenience.

Sincerely,

**Dr. Indroneal Banerjee**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Democratic Club of San Diego President

**Sean Lowery**, Battalion Chief, Chula Vista Fire Department, Chula Vista Resident

**Ditas Yamane**, National City Councilmember

**Jay Lord Fabunan**, Assistant Principal SUHSD, Chula Vista Resident

**Kris Galicia Brown**, Southwestern College Governing Board Vice President

**Ardyel Lim**, Office of State Senator Steve Padilla, District Representative

**Elaine Elefante-Leano**, Retired SUHSD Administrator, FILAMDEDA (Filipino Educators Association) Lifetime Member, Filipinos of South Bay Exhibit Committee Member, Eastlake Educational Foundation Former President, House of Philippines Member, Taste San Diego Filipino Culinary Journeys Committee Member, Association of Retired School Administrators, Resident of Chula Vista since 1960

**Maria Fontimayor**, San Diego Filipino American Educator's Association President

**Clarissa Reyes Falcon**, Filipino American South County Leader

**Genevieve DePerio Fong**, Chula Vista Filipino Community Member, Chula Vista Resident

**Dr. Ricardo Cooke**, SDUSD Administrator, Former Principal at Eastlake High, Eastlake Middle, and Marshall Elementary, Chula Vista Resident

**Timothy Frando**, City of Chula Vista Police Agent

**John Paculdo Koenigshofer**, Asian American and Pacific Islander Democratic Club of San Diego Vice President