
Fw: Park Name Suggestion Forms

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NameSuggestion ViaLetter LarryItliong.pdf; NameSuggestionForm MarketPlaza.pdf; NameSuggestionForm Valley of the Roots Plaza.pdf; Park Naming Piazza AP Giannini.pdf; Naming SUGGESTION FORM for Park Facilities Form Corazon Plaza.pdf; plaza Plaza the Valley of Hearts Delight.pdf; renaming Plaza de Cesar Chavez El Corazon.pdf; AP Giannini Plaza (1).jpg;

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From: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 1:10 PM

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From: Bowman, Marybeth <Marybeth.Bowman@sanjoseca.gov>

Sent: Wednesday, September 9, 2026 1:03 PM

To: City Clerk <city.clerk@sanjoseca.gov>

Subject: Park Name Suggestion Forms

Hello,

Attached are the following name suggestion forms that were received for the Renaming of Plaza de César Chavez:

- "AP Giannini Plaza"
- "Larry Itliong"
- "Market Plaza"
- "Valley of the Roots Plaza"
- "Piazza A.P. Giannini"
- "Corazon Plaza"
- "Plaza the Valley of Hearts Delight"
- "El Corazon"

All of these name suggestions were included in the analysis of name suggestions received in the first survey.

Please feel free to reach out with any questions you might have.

Kind regards,

Marybeth

Marybeth Bowman

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July 6, 2026.

To: Director of Parks & Recreation

Fr: Louella Golbiso

Re: Name Change of Landmarks, etc.

Memo: Larry Itliong. Filipino Original Organizer & Founder of the United Farmworkers in Delano, CA. 60's. not Cesar Chavez & Delores Huerta.

I was at Mommy Larry's home in Delano when he was expressing his frustration about Cesar Chavez's reluctance to join his Strike & Protests against the grape growers in Delano. When he finally did, he & Delores Huerta took the ball & ran with it & left Larry Itliong & all his Filipino workers in the dust. They were also outnumbered so it was easily done. Cesar Chavez & Delores Huerta never looked back to give recognition or appreciation to Larry Itliong. Cesar Chavez & Delores Huerta had mostly undocumented Mexican workers and Larry Itliong had all documented Filipino workers. Larry Itliong also tried to organize in Alaska in the Salmon industry. Also seasonal work. No investigational reporting here either.

We Filipinos have a saying - Never Mind - God Knows. We all knew about Cesar Chavez, etc. Now everyone knows.

Now we need to give Credit where Credit is due
Honor also. His Legacy has never been fully
recognized or honored... except in Delano his
hometown base or Fremont CA.

More Investigative Reporting needed.

Naming SUGGESTION FORM for New Park Facilities

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Name Proposed for Facility:

Market Plaza

Location of Facility:

City center / Market St between

(Include working title of site or street address (if available) and cross streets)

San Fernando & San Carlos

Alignment with City Council Policy 7-5, Naming of City-Owned Land and Facilities:

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- ☐ A geographic location near the site

- ☐ A prominent geographic feature or local reference point near the site
- ☐ A historical event
- ☐ A deceased individual

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Appropriateness of Name to Facility:

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The site was the original plaza of the San Jose pueblo. It was used as the site for markets. For the next 250 years it stayed at the site & markets & events occurred. It sits across from old Chinatown, was a site of an Old City Hall, served as a USO site during WWII and is used for festivals (with goods for sale) for many cultures. The street is named Market.

Person Submitting Suggestion:

Jean Dresden

Address:

Contact Phone Number:

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Email Address:

Submitting Name
Suggestions

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cultures and honors all historic events past present and future. components of the park should be named

Here's an idea
a timeline
of art
C(L) 7
" americanos



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Name Proposed for Facility: Valley of the Roots Plaza

Location of Facility: _____
(Include working title of site or street address (if available) and cross streets)

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Ohlone roots, orchard roots, community
Heart of Downtown San Jose

Person Submitting Suggestion: Bonita Aguirre

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Email Address: _____

Submitting Name By Email: ParkPlanning@sanjoseca.gov

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Name Proposed for Facility: Corazón Plaza

Location of Facility: Downtown Plaza Park, S. Market Street
(Include working title of site or street address (if available) and cross streets)

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To be eligible for consideration of the renaming of downtown's plaza park I believe the suggested name, Corazón Plaza, meets at least two of the six of the policy criteria in City Council Policy 7-5: geographic location and adjoining subdivision/community features. Policy 7-5 also encourages the naming to "reflect the City's ethnic and cultural diversity" and "[r]ecognition of district geographic, environmental or developmental features." The plaza has always been the center of the City of San Jose. It is surrounded by the Cathedral, San Jose Museum of Art, San Jose Civic, San Jose Center for the Performing Arts, San Jose State University, Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Library (I remember when the main library was located across the street from the Civic Center). It is also surrounded by prominent hotels and headquarters to prominent businesses. Dictionary.com defines corazón as: "1 the heart"; "2 courage; spirit"; "3 love; affection; compassion or sympathy"; and "4 beloved; lover; sweetheart (often used as a term of endearment)". Corazón reflects the City's Hispanic culture, but also its entire community because everyone knows the meaning of corazón. This plaza is the heart of San Jose. I therefore propose that the downtown plaza park be renamed Corazón Plaza. Thank you for your consideration.

Person Submitting Suggestion: Marina S. Flores

Address: [REDACTED] Contact Phone Number: 4 [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Name Proposed for Facility:

Piazza A.P. Giannini

Location of Facility:

Plaza de Cesar Chavez

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A.P. Giannini was born in San Jose, CA to Italian immigrant parents. His parents bought a farm in Alviso and grew fruit & vegetables for sale. A.P. Giannini worked as a produce broker for farms in Santa Clara County. He later founded the Bank of Italy. He served hardworking immigrants that other banks would not serve. I feel it is important to have something to recognize all of the hardworking Italian immigrants that settled in San Jose working the fields as farm labor. Italians are the forgotten immigrants.

Person Submitting Suggestion:

Julie L. Mantua

Address:

[Redacted Address]

Contact Phone Number

[Redacted Phone Number]

Email Address:

[Redacted Email Address]

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Name Proposed for Facility: PLAZA ~~THE~~ The VALLEY of Hearts Delight
Location of Facility: PLAZA DOWNTOWN
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"VALLEY OF HEARTS DELIGHT WAS the nickname for SANTA CLARA CENTERING IN SAN JOSE SINCE 1915. IT CELEBRATE THE RICH AGRICULTURAL FRUIT+CANNING INDUSTRY THAT PRECEDED SILICON VALLEY, 100,000 ACRES OF PRUNES, APRICOTS, cherries, + WALNUTS, PICKED BY FARMWORKER TRACOSSED BY CANARY WORKERS TO PROVIDE NUTRITIOUS FOOD TO AMERICA'S TABLES [see A1 Google]

Person Submitting Suggestion: RALLIP J. GRIEGO

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Contact Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

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~~***~~ Renaming Plaza de Cesar Chavez

Name Proposed for Facility: El Corazón (Park)

Location of Facility: 1 Paseo de San Antonio S.J. CA 95113
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Plaza de Cesar Chavez must be changed due to the revelations of sexual predation, rape + abuse brought to light by Delores Huerta. I would like the park to be renamed after Ms. Huerta, but she is still living. An exception to this rule would be wonderful.
The park is "The Heart" of downtown

Person Submitting Suggestion: Beth Kane

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Contact Phone Number: [REDACTED]

Email Address: [REDACTED]

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Name Proposed for Facility: AP Giannini Plaza

Location of Facility: 19th S. Market Street, San Jose, CA 95113
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This is an important opportunity to rename ~~Cesar~~ ^{Cesar} Chavez Plaza to AP Giannini Plaza. The Bank of America is in walking distance of the park, but more importantly... this champion of the common man, supporter of women rights and low income people across the board, while at the same time a captain of industry is so little recognized in his home town that it is tragic from town. He needs to be honored and acknowledged by his hometown.

Person Submitting Suggestion: Richard Stewart

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Email Address: [REDACTED]

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