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AGENDA: 3/16/99

March 9, 1999

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County of Santa Cruz
701 Ocean Street
Santa Cruz, CA 95060

RE: NAMING OF THE POLO GROUNDS COUNTY PARK

Dear Members of the Board:

As many of you are aware, the newest fields at the Polo Grounds County Park are nearly complete. The final baseball fields will be ready for the opening day of Little League next month. Obviously, this is a very exciting time for parents and kids throughout the County.

It must be noted, however, that without the vision and significant financial contribution of the Rudolph F. Monte Foundation, the County would likely still be searching for funds to build three baseball fields and the final soccer field.

To date, the Rudolph F. Monte Foundation has donated \$470,000 in cash and in-kind materials and services to the completion of the Polo Grounds. Along with Granite Construction, the Aptos Soccer Club, which paid for the irrigation, and a cadre of volunteers, The Foundation financed grading, drainage and construction of a new road and parking lot.

The Rudolph F. Monte Foundation was established in 1995 by Marc Monte of Deluxe Foods of Aptos. He named the Foundation for his grandfather who immigrated from Portugal at the beginning of this century. Rudy and Doris Monte, Marc's parents, founded Deluxe Foods of Aptos in 1978 and have been integral to the Foundation's success.

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The Rudolph F. Monte Foundation is totally dedicated to the youth of Santa Cruz County. In addition to the Polo Grounds project, The Foundation has spent more than a million dollars since 1995 improving County schools. In the last five years, Deluxe Foods of Aptos and the Monte Family have also donated nearly a million dollars to local schools and youth organizations.

This level of commitment is rare and deserves our most sincere gratitude. To that end, I would like to request that the Polo Grounds County Park be officially named The Rudolph F. Monte County Park in honor of The Foundation, the Monte family and their unwavering support of children in this County.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

Sincerely,



WALTER J. SIMONS, Supervisor
Second District

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cc: Parks, Open Space and Cultural Department

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