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Betty F. Day was born on February 2, 1940. During the "Second Great Migration," her parents moved from Texas to California with hopes of creating a better life for her family and generations to come. In 1955, Ms. Day married her husband Arthur and settled in the Watts community, where she would continue to live for over 70 years. After raising her eight children along with her husband, they provided love, care, and support to numerous children as foster parents.

Ms. Day lived a life of service, dedicated to the betterment and advancement of her beloved Watts community. Since her early 20s, Ms. Day ran the Watts Towers Teen Post, affiliated with the Watts Towers Art Center. This space provided a safe place for children after school, promoted community love and pride, and supported the growth of the music and arts culture. Years later after its closure, Ms. Day continued to work locally for the community based non-profit Watts Labor Community Action Committee and the Los Angeles Unified School District (LAUSD). Upon retirement from LAUSD, Ms. Day became the Board President and Founder of the Watts Gang Task Force.

On May 11, 2022 the City Council requested the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners rename Grape Street Pocket Park, located at 10726 Grape Street, 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community (CF 22-0396).

The request is still pending and has not been placed before the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners for consideration and dispensation.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report back on the status of the City Council's request to rename Grape Street Pocket Park, located at 10726 Grape Street, 90059, to Betty F. Day Park, in memory of Betty F. Day and in recognition of her advocacy for the Watts community.

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