

RESOLUTION NO. CC-2607-053

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, NAMING THE HERONDO
OPEN SPACE PARK AREA, LOCATED AT HERONDO STREET
AND CATALINA AVE, AS BILL BRAND GATEWAY PARK**

WHEREAS, Southern California Edison (SCE) completed a Method of Service study confirming that power lines within the 190th Street right-of-way could be removed or relocated following the retirement of the AES power plant, creating an opportunity for the City to evaluate the corridor for passive open-space development; and

WHEREAS, in 2021 the City initiated discussions with SCE regarding the licensing of approximately 5.1 acres of right-of-way along Herondo Street and Catalina Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City executed a five-year License Agreement with SCE, commencing June 1, 2022, to allow the development of two parcels into passive open space, and retained Architerra Design Group (ADG) to prepare final design and construction documents including includes pedestrian pathways, native landscaping, irrigation and drainage systems, site furnishings, and stormwater collection features;

WHEREAS, over a two-year period, City staff worked closely with SCE to ensure compliance with right-of-way requirements, and in January 2024 SCE directed the City to divide the project into two phases due to the size of the License Site; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 plans were revised accordingly, and SCE granted approval to proceed with contractor bidding in February 2025, after which Marina Landscape, Inc. submitted the lowest responsible bid; and

WHEREAS, Phase 1 improvements, located in the eastern portion of the site, are expected to be completed in July 2026 and will include pathways, native landscaping, and site amenities; and

WHEREAS, staff consulted with SCE regarding the proposed naming of the site, and SCE expressed no concerns; and

WHEREAS, at its meeting on July 7, 2026, the City Council directed staff to formally name the site as Bill Brand Gateway Park; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brand served as the 30th Mayor of Redondo Beach, following two terms as Councilmember for District No. 2, and was a dedicated civic leader whose work included co-founding the South Bay Parkland Conservancy, co-authoring Measure DD to require public votes on major up-zoning, and leading the successful effort to stop the AES re-powering proposal; and

WHEREAS, through initiatives such as Measure C and his advocacy for balanced development, environmental stewardship, and community voice, Bill Brand shaped policies and outcomes that continue to benefit Redondo Beach residents; and

WHEREAS, Bill Brand courageously battled Stage 4 lung cancer for more than four years while continuing to work on land-use issues at the state level, and passed away on February 9, 2024, leaving a legacy defined by integrity, perseverance, and deep commitment to the people of Redondo Beach; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting and appropriate to honor Bill Brand's extraordinary contributions and lifelong dedication to protecting Redondo Beach's natural and civic character by naming this newly developed passive open-space park in his memory.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF REDONDO BEACH, CALIFORNIA, DOES HEREBY RESOLVE AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. The Herondo Open Space is formally recognized as a passive open-space amenity developed under the City's license agreement with Southern California Edison (SCE).

SECTION 2. The Redondo Beach City Council hereby adopts the official name of Bill Brand Gateway Park for the site, in honor of former Mayor Bill Brand's exceptional leadership, longstanding advocacy for environmental protection, responsible land-use planning, and his enduring commitment to preserving and enhancing open space for the residents of Redondo Beach.

SECTION 3. The Redondo Beach City Council directs staff to implement all necessary actions to reflect this designation in City records, signage, communications, and future project documentation.

SECTION 3. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage and adoption of this resolution and shall enter the same in the Book of Original Resolutions.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 14th day of July, 2026.

James A. Light, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

ATTEST:

Joy A. Ford, City Attorney

Eleanor Manzano, CMC, City Clerk

STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES) ss
CITY OF REDONDO BEACH)

I, Eleanor Manzano, City Clerk of the City of Redondo Beach, California, do hereby certify that Resolution No. CC-2607-053 was passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Redondo Beach, California, at a regular meeting of said City Council held on the 14th day of July, 2026, and there after signed and approved by the Mayor and attested by the City Clerk, and that said resolution was adopted by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

Eleanor Manzano, CMC
City Clerk