

City of
FRESNO
RESOLUTION

Maxie L. Parks

Whereas, Maxie L. Parks was born July 9, 1951, in Lee County, Arkansas. Maxie and his family moved to Fresno, California at the age of 10 where he attended West Fresno Elementary and Junior high schools. It was at this time, in the 1960s, that Maxie began to formally embrace his love for many sports, especially track and field.

Whereas, Maxie is a 1970 graduate from Washington Union High School. While at Washington Union: Maxie participated in Football, Wrestling and Track and Field. Maxie was proclaimed an All American Athlete twice while in high school and a league champion in Wrestling. Maxie furthered his studies at Fresno City College in the 1970s and completed his two years in 1972 obtaining a Track Scholarship and Associates Degree. Maxie received a full scholarship to attend University of California, Los Angeles from 1972 to 1975 obtaining a Bachelor's degree in Sociology.

Whereas, Maxie was part of four USA Teams that toured Europe and trained for the 1976 Olympics in Montréal, Canada. Maxie Parks placed fifth in the 400 meters and obtained a Gold medal in the 1600 meter relay. Maxie continued to pursue his dream of Track and Field training for the 1980 Olympics until the United States boycott of the Olympic Games for that year. 1981 is when Maxie hung up his spikes and retired from competing in Track in Field. Maxie has been inducted into the Hall of Fame in The City and County of Fresno, Fresno City College, University of California, Los Angeles Athletics and Washington Union High School.

Whereas, In 1996, Maxie became an active member of Westside Church of God and still is till this day. Maxie was elected Westside Church of God Board Member in 1999; In 2000, Maxie became the Westside Church of God Board Vice Chairman and holds that position presently. In 2001, Maxie became the Westside Church of God Building fund chair and was able to raise about \$400,000.00 to erect a 27,000 square feet building to be used for the members attending the Westside Church of God and is community of South west Fresno. Because of Maxie's knowledge of and integrity in raising funds for Westside Church of God, Maxie was formally elected to Chair the Westside Church of God's fundraising programs in 2009.

Whereas, Maxie L. Parks receives a tremendous amount of support from his family, friends, church members and the community of Fresno. Maxie is happily married to his wife, LoVern Mason-Parks for 43 years. Maxie and LoVern has three daughters, a son, and is a proud grandfather of seven in their union.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that I, Oliver L. Baines III as a member of the City Council, do hereby extend my deepest gratitude and encourage all Frenans to help commemorate the extraordinary and successful life of **Maxie L. Parks**.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the seal of the City of Fresno, California, this Fifteenth day of September of the Year Two Thousand and Sixteen.



Oliver L. Baines III,
Member of the Fresno City Council
Representing District Three