

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
FRESNO, CALIFORNIA, RENAMING THE PARK AT
CLINTON AND BRAWLEY THE “JASWANT SINGH KHALRA
PARK”

WHEREAS, the Council has the ability to name or rename public facilities pursuant to Fresno Municipal Code section 5-101; and

WHEREAS, the City owns the park on the corner of Clinton and Brawley currently known as Victoria West Park; and

WHEREAS, the park is a neighborhood hub bringing together diverse populations of the city, especially residents of District 3 and District 1; and

WHEREAS, Jaswant Singh Khalra was a human rights activist from Punjab, India; and

WHEREAS, Khalra worked to initiate the public interest litigation on what has come to be known as the matter of police abductions leading to secret cremations in Punjab; and

WHEREAS, Khalra was dedicated to finding evidence of misconduct and human rights abuses and fighting in India’s legal courts for justice for both victims and their families; and

WHEREAS, Khalra’s work is widely heralded by Amnesty International and Human Rights Watch; and

WHEREAS, in 1995, the same forces he rallied against picked him up from his home, tortured him, and murdered him with impunity; and

WHEREAS, Khalra’s life is a symbol of hope for all that care about human rights, dignity, truth, and justice, and naming the park in his honor preserves his legacy and celebrates the values he upheld; and

WHEREAS, the Fresno Punjabi community is nearly unanimous in the desire to name the park after Khalra.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the Council of the City of Fresno as follows:

1. The Council finds it to be necessary and appropriate to rename the park at the corner of Clinton and Brawley the “Jaswant Singh Khalra Park.”

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA)
COUNTY OF FRESNO) ss.
CITY OF FRESNO)

I, REBECCA E. KLISCH, City Clerk of the City of Fresno, certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Council of the City of Fresno, at a regular meeting held on the _____ day of _____, 2017.

AYES :
NOES :
ABSENT:
ABSTAIN:

YVONNE SPENCE, CMC
City Clerk

By: _____
Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:
DOUGLAS T. SLOAN
City Attorney

By: _____
Katie Doerr, Chief Assistant