

August 15, 2020

Honorable Members of the Parks and Recreation Commission
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

RE: Application to Rename North Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park After My Husband, Bob Stockton

Dear Members of the City Parks and Recreation Commission,

I am writing to share my full and complete support for the application by Mayor Bailey to rename the North Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in honor of my late husband, Bob Stockton.

I have the joy of being married to this man for the last 16 years and loving him long before that. He was my “Roberto” and I was his “Kel”. We loved each other with every fiber of our beings, raised our children together, adored our grandchildren together, traveled together, served our community together, and importantly, relished in the joys of our lives together.

Several people will share with you about my husband’s community service, and every word of it is true. But I want to tell you personally how much Bob loved Riverside and how much this renaming will mean to our family, his friends, and all who cherish his memory.

Bob served and loved people without hesitation. He was led by his faith in God to firmly believe that we are all placed in this world to make it better. We packed every moment of our lives doing more to improve ourselves, help others, and be subject to each other every day. And he was committed to serving the Riverside community and improving the quality of life for its residents.

In addition to serving others, Bob also enjoyed running and cycling across Riverside, and Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park was one of his favorite places. It was the place we often ran with friends and it was the place that he trained jr. high & high school kids to ride mountain bikes.

I am incredibly humbled by the outpouring of love and support from this community for Bob and how losing him has impacted our lives. It would mean a great deal to me, our family, and the many friends who knew and loved him to rename this trail in memory of his life and in recognition of his humble service to the Riverside community.

Sincerely,



Kelli Tyson-Stockton



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July 23, 2020

Nicholas Adcock
Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce
3985 University Avenue
Riverside, CA 92501

Dear Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce,

I am writing in SUPPORT of renaming the N. Arroyo Trail in honor of Robert (Bob) Stockton, who has been a giant in the support of Riverside City, Riverside City Parks and Recreation, and a lover of all outdoor activities. Riverside owes a huge debt of gratitude to Bob Stockton for his tremendous contributions through Rick Engineering, The Chamber, and the many boards he served on in the City of Riverside, including Path of Life Ministries. This small recognition of his contributions to Riverside will leave a permanent mark of legacy in our community for others behind us to wonder how they too can "Be Like Bob."

With Kindest Regards and Support,

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Casey Jackson
Interim CEO

Craig D. Miller
General Manager



Steven K. Adams
Division 1

Gracie Torres
Division 2

Brenda Dennstedt
Division 3

Donald D. Galleano
Division 4

S.R. "Al" Lopez
Division 5

Securing Your Water Supply

August 5, 2020

Honorable Commissioners
City of Riverside Park and Recreation Commission
6927 Magnolia Ave
Riverside, CA 92506

RE: Renaming of N. Arroyo Trail after former Director Bob Stockton
Position: Support

Dear Commissioners Feola, Fairfax, Mitchell, Whatley, Johnson, Rounds, and Cardullo,

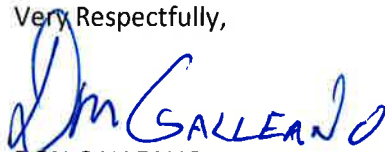
On behalf of Western Municipal Water District (Western), we are proud to support the renaming of N. Arroyo Trail after former Director Robert "Bob" Stockton.

As you are all likely aware, Bob was an elected board member to Western and represented Division 1 since 2014. The loss of our former Director on May 13, 2020, has resulted in much heartbreak and change for Western. While Western pushes forward in our commitment to providing exceptional customer service and uninterrupted water and sewer service, we recognize that there is a hole that cannot be filled at Western or the greater Riverside community as a whole.

Before coming to Western, Bob served with the City as a past Chair for the Riverside Public Utilities Board and was a Planning Commissioner. Bob was also deeply rooted in the community as the President of the Board for Path of Life Ministries, a past Chairman of the Board for the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce, a Board Member of the Riverside YWCA Board, and a member of the California Baptist University School of Engineering Advisory Committee.

In what little available time he had, Bob loved to run and cycle, especially on nature courses like the N. Arroyo Trail. Because of his deep connections with Western, the City of Riverside, and his love of nature trails, Western is proud to support the renaming of N. Arroyo Trail after Bob. If you have any questions, please reach out to Western's Government Relations Officer at mhadley@wmwd.com or 951.571.7226.

Very Respectfully,


DON GALLEANO
President, Board of Directors


CRAIG D. MILLER, P.E.
General Manager

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July 20, 2020

City of Riverside Park and Recreation Commission
c/o Colleen J. Nicol, MMC
3900 Main Street, 7th Floor
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Commission Members:

I am writing on behalf of California Baptist University to express enthusiastic support for the proposal to honor the late Robert "Bob" Stockton by renaming N. Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in his memory.

Memorializing Bob Stockton in this manner would be especially appropriate given his passion for fitness and fondness for running and biking in this area with family and friends.

I fondly remember Bob as a wonderful Christian, a dedicated professional and a dear friend. I am particularly mindful of the wonderful, multi-faceted association Bob shared with California Baptist University during my presidency. It began through his professional capacity as an engineer. He worked with CBU on numerous projects and always demonstrated the highest level of professionalism.

Bob became a strong supporter of CBU academics and served as a valued member of the advisory board for the Gordon and Jill Bourns College of Engineering. Through the years, he also became a passionate booster of Lancer Athletics at CBU. We genuinely miss his involvement in all these areas.

I am honored to support this significant recognition of Robert Stockton, and I respectfully encourage the Park and Recreation Commission to honor his legacy by approving the application. I believe such an enduring recognition would be a fitting tribute from a grateful community for a beloved civic leader who generously and selflessly contributed so much for so many years.

Sincerely,



Ronald L. Ellis, Ph.D.
President

Riverside Parks and Recreation Commission
City of Riverside
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92501

RE: Bob Stockton Memorial Trail @ Sycamore Canyon

Honorable Commissioners:

Advocate. Mentor. Partner. When I was asked to share just three words to describe Bob Stockton that's how I best described my friend when we celebrated his life back in June.

Advocate:

I knew Bob first as an Advocate; we served together on the YWCA Board of Directors. Bob was committed, diligent, and giving as he pushed forward the mission of YWCA of empowering women and eliminating racism. Sitting across the table from Bob I learned what being an effective board member and compassionate community leader was all about. The more I came to know Bob the more I learned about his advocacy of our community. Bob did it all. He was a principal at his engineering firm, chairman for the chamber, coach for Woodcrest Christian mountain biking team, leader of the Riverside Adventure Group, elected member of Western Municipal Water District, governor appointee for the board for Professional engineers, on the board for Path of Life and other non-profits; I think all at the same time!

Mentor:

You know the scene in Empire Strikes Back where Luke lands on Dagobah and meets Yoda for the first time and he begins his training? I have a picture of Bob and me where I am him on my back during a race and it reminds me of that scene where Yoda is calmly and wisely giving instructions to Luke as he is struggling and sweating through the training. This is the same scene where the master corrects his apprentice and says "Try Not. Do or do not. There is no try." Bob was my mentor. He was my Yoda. He was small in stature, strong, wise, loyal, a trainer, a teacher, a mentor and stubborn. Just like Yoda, you did not want to make him mad or let him down. With Bob you didn't try, you "did". You didn't try to be better, you were better. You didn't try to be a better dad or husband you just did. You didn't try to make your community better, you made your community better. Bob was the master of his family, his friends and his community and we were all his apprentices. I know Bob was a mentor to countless individuals; old and young, male and female, Bob was willing to mentor anyone he came into contact with.

Partner:

Whether it was at a meeting, fundraiser, event or just a morning run Bob would always greet me with a smile and a hug and an energetic "hey partner". He always called me "partner". Bob and I were literally partners in 2014 when we competed in the Endeavor Team Challenge, a 2 day endurance competition we completed together with our friends Nick and Sydnee. But Bob was more than just my training partner or my race partner. Bob was my partner when I campaigned for the RUSD Board of Education. Bob was my partner providing encouragement and wisdom as my business grew. Bob was my partner when I needed his thoughts on family. It was an honor to be Bob's partner; I hope he felt the same way.

I share these personal insights with the honorable commissioners of the Parks and Recreation Commission to show how one man made such a positive impact on my life. Since Bob's passing, I've learned that Bob just didn't have this impact on me and my friends, but countless individuals in our community.

When Bob wasn't advocating for our region, mentoring peers and youth, or guiding his friends and family through different stages in their lives, he was outside; running, swimming, hiking, or biking. His favorite place to "play" was in Sycamore Canyon. Bob has likely covered more mileage in Sycamore Canyon than just about anyone. I can think of no greater way to honor Bob Stockton and to further his legacy than to name the North Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon the Bob Stockton Memorial Trail.

That trail was like Bob's backyard. Naming the trail after Bob will provide a constant reminder of all those that visit Sycamore Canyon of one of Riverside's greatest of all time. It is with great honor, excitement, and energy that request your commission to approve the renaming of the trail in Bob's honor.

With your approval, I greatly look forward to soon joining my friends for an inaugural run on the Bob Stockton Memorial Trail in Sycamore Canyon. Thank you in advance for your consideration.

In gratitude,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'Brent Lee', with a stylized, cursive script.

Brent Lee

Riversider. RUSD Board Trustee. Business Owner. Bob's Partner.
(951) 505-9362

5564 Inner Circle Dr.
Riverside, CA 92506
July 20, 2020

City of Riverside
Office of the Mayor
3900 Main Street
Riverside, CA 92522

Dear Rusty,

Our City has gone through so many difficult times lately. It was tragic when I heard about Bob Stockton being taken away from us so unexpectedly. Kelly's personal loss is ever so great and cannot be measured. Riverside has also suffered an immeasurable loss.

Bob may have been of short stature but there has never been a bigger man. He was so full of love, kindness, and information. Bob Stockton was a servant leader, often times leading us along without letting us know he was the one leading. Through his actions he carried our burdens and turned those burdens into opportunities and moments of community engagement and triumph.

We cannot afford to forget all of Bob's good works and we need to show him love through remembrance. It would be an amazing gift to the people of Riverside, our business community and to Kelly Stockton to name the North Arroyo Trail after Bob Stockton.

We need to be Bold, to be like Bob. Please help to make this happen!

Warm regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ana S. Miramontes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ana S. Miramontes
Civic and community member

July 21, 2020

Attention: City Parks and Recreation Commission
RE: Proposal to rename the N. Arroyo Trail

Dear Parks and Recreation Commissioners:

My name is Damien O'Farrell, and I am a resident of Riverside, Ward 1. I am writing in support of the proposal to rename the N. Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in memory of Bob Stockton.

Bob Stockton epitomized community service and leadership and set the example for citizens throughout our City and Region about not only how to engage civically, but also how to live life well and to the fullest. His list of accomplishments and public contributions is extensive including service on the Riverside Planning Commission, the Riverside Board of Public Utilities, the Western Municipal Water District, the Monday Morning Group, the Greater Riverside Chamber of Commerce Board, the YWCA Board of Directors, the Woodcrest Christian Mountain Biking club, and the Board of Path of Life Ministries. It is in this last capacity that I knew Bob most closely, as I served as its CEO until February 2019. Bob was the first person that I recruited to the Board when I took the position years prior and was consistently one of the people I trusted the most for advice, support, and advocacy on behalf of the organization. It's fair to say that its unlikely that the organization would be in existence today if it were not for Bob's support at critical times.

Community and State leaders of all background, affiliations, ages, and worldviews admired him. He was not only a good citizen; he was a genuinely good person. Many of us are striving to be like Bob.

Just one of the ways that so many strive to be like Bob is in the way that he loved adventure of all kinds and committed himself to caring for creation, being outdoors, and living a fit and healthy life. Bob could run, bike, and climb circles around people a quarter of his age. One of his favorite places to exercise and explore was the N. Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park; and it's very likely that 100's of community members experienced the trail for the first time either with or because of Bob Stockton. Renaming the trail after him would not only honor his life and service well, but also help continue the positive influence of his life on ours and in our community at large. Thank you for considering this request and for your service.

Sincerely,

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Damien O'Farrell

July 22, 2020

Dear Members of the City of Riverside Parks and Recreation Commission,

Thank you for considering renaming the N. Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon Wilderness Park in memory of Robert (Bob) Stockton. Bob lived a life of leadership and service commensurate with this naming, and I celebrate our City for considering such a decision.

Bob lived his days in service to others, whether professionally, civically, or as a volunteer. Bob had many professional accomplishments; he was a Partner in his firm, where he worked for 40 years, and sat in statewide leadership positions for the engineering field. As a Civil Engineer, Bob also led many important projects that benefitted the City of Riverside, and most recently the Northside Specific Plan. Bob also worked on numerous efforts to protect our City's infrastructure; over the years, he was appointed and served as Chair of the City's Board of Public Utilities and elected to serve on the Board of Directors for Western Municipal Water District. Bob served our business community in major ways as Chair of the Greater Riverside Chambers of Commerce and also held other various volunteer roles within the Chamber's board and committees, including the task force to recruit CARB to Riverside. He volunteered for charitable organizations, serving local homeless individuals as board chair of Path of Life and providing meals for seniors at the Janet Goeske Center. However, these efforts did not fully define Bob; in fact, if even possible, his legacy lives even more vibrantly in the lives that he personally poured over as a coach and a mentor.

In his life, I believe Bob was proudest of his beloved wife, Kelli, and of their children. Following them, though, Bob deeply adored his athletes. Over the years, he trained and mentored hundreds of athletes, including triathletes, runners, cyclists, and others. He volunteered for more than 10 years as coach to local teens on the Woodcrest Christian School Mountain Bike Team, teaching and mentoring many youth along the way. He used Riverside's roads, trails, and parks in his coaching, and spent countless hours training athletes on the N. Arroyo Trail in Sycamore Canyon. Humbly, I am lucky enough to be one of those athletes, and the word on the street is accurate- no one could keep up with Bob!

We are all left with rich memories and Bob's enduring example of determination, compassionate service to others, and love for being outdoors. The Bob Stockton Trail will commemorate Bob's life and legacy for our entire community, and I sincerely thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Erin Phillips". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Erin Phillips