



DATE: April 14, 2026

TO: Mayor and Members of the City Council

FROM: Councilmember Patricia Dillard

VIA: Greg Humora, City Manager *GH*

SUBJECT: CONSIDERATION OF ADDING A "BILL WALTON WAY" SIGN TO THE SIGNPOST AT THE INTERSECTION OF LOWELL STREET AND NORMAL AVENUE

Bill Walton (1952–2024) was a legendary Hall of Fame basketball player, broadcaster, and proud La Mesa native who dominated at Helix High School before starring at UCLA and in the NBA. Known for his intense, joyful personality and 1970s success, he remained deeply connected to his hometown, where he was added to the La Mesa Walk of Fame in 2003.

Born and raised in La Mesa, Walton led Helix High School to CIF championships in 1969 and 1970, winning 49 consecutive games. He frequently credited his upbringing in La Mesa for his success and was a regular presence in the San Diego community, including the YMCA of San Diego County.