



City of Emeryville

CALIFORNIA

MEMORANDUM

DATE: May 4, 2021
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Director
SUBJECT: **Consideration Of Commission On Aging Recommendation To Name A Day of Service In Honor Of Nora Davis**

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council consider and provide direction regarding the recommendation of the Commission on Aging to name a day of service to honor the late Nora Davis for her commitment and service to the City of Emeryville.

BACKGROUND

Nora Davis passed away in 2020 at the age of 92 years. Nora Davis served six terms, over 27 years, as a Council Member and six times as Mayor. She was instrumental in the transformation of Emeryville from a declining industrial town into a new, thriving and livable Emeryville.

At its regular meeting on December 9, 2020, the Commission on Aging voted to recommend that the City Council consider honoring Nora Davis by naming a Day of Service in her honor and installing a commemorative plaque along the greenway near Peladeau Park.

DISCUSSION

The Commission on Aging discussed various options to honor Nora Davis' dedication to the community. Some of the ideas shared were to have a local artist paint a portrait of Ms. Davis, installing a commemorative plaque along the Greenway near the Peladeau Park mural, naming a clean-up day in her honor, displaying a bust of her at City Hall, naming a park after her, dedicating a room at the Senior Center to her, and AmTrak offered the Emeryville Station as a naming option. There were two Commission meetings, and joining in those discussions were Nora Davis's daughter Helen Miller and Joyce Jacobson, previous chair for the Commission on Aging and neighbor/friend. Ms. Miller discussed the options with her family, and they recommended having her honored during a day of service such as the Coastal Cleanup Day, which could then be known as Nora Davis Coastal Clean Up Day.

FISCAL IMPACT

No fiscal impact.

STAFF COMMUNICATION WITH THE PUBLIC

The Commission on Aging discussed how to honor the memory of Nora Davis on November 18, 2020 at a special meeting and on December 9, 2020 at a regular meeting.

CONCLUSION

Staff recommends that the City Council consider naming a Coastal Cleanup Day in honor of Nora Davis.

PREPARED BY: Pedro Jimenez, Community Services Department

**APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:**



Christine Daniel, City Manager