

MOTION BY SUPERVISOR DON KNABE

May 29, 2012

Dr. William Arthur 'Bill' Burke is an accomplished business leader and public servant in Southern California. His contributions to the County's health and well-being and its civic vitality are innumerable. He perhaps is best known as the founder and former long-time president of the City of Los Angeles Marathon. As Chairman of the Southern California Air Quality Management District's Governing Board, the body that regulates air quality throughout most of Southern California, he set in motion a decade-long series of precedent-setting policy initiatives, including the District's evolving Environmental Justice program, Asthma and Outdoor Air Quality Consortium, Brain & Lung Tumor and Air Pollution Foundation and, in 2009, a 'Helping Hand Initiative' to protect both health and jobs during the current economic downturn.

In addition to his efforts to enhance the health of the region's residents, Dr. Burke is committed to wildlife and the environment. He served two terms as Chairman of the California Fish and Game Commission and two terms as Chairman of the California Wildlife Conservation Board. In his role as a California Coastal Commissioner, Dr. Burke has advocated for increased public access along the coastline and was instrumental last year in supporting an amendment to the Marina del Rey Local Coastal Program that will allow for the very significant and necessary second generation redevelopment of the Marina's waterside and landside, an area in my District yet of importance to all Supervisors as the County's "Crown Jewel."

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As an avid boater and former resident of the Marina del Rey community, Dr. Burke has been an unwavering supporter for creating world-class marinas to serve the next generation of boaters, residents and visitors. In recognition of his long standing contributions to the residents of Los Angeles County and the State of California, I believe designation of the promenade along the waterside as the “Dr. William A. Burke Marina Walk Promenade” would be an appropriate and fitting tribute for his many, many years of dedicated public service.

I, THEREFORE, MOVE THAT THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS approve the naming of the Marina’s promenade as the “Dr. William A. Burke Marina Walk Promenade.”

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