



**EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT
BOARD LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE
AGENDA STAFF REPORT**

DATE	September 30, 2024
TITLE	Recommendation for the 2024 Radke Championing Advocacy Award Recipient
DIVISION	General Manager's Office
FROM	Erich Pfuehler, Chief of Government and Legislative Affairs Dr. Ana M. Alvarez, Deputy General Manager
APPROVED	Sabrina Landreth, General Manager 

RECOMMENDATION

The Board Legislative Committee concurs with the General Manager’s recommendation to present Assemblymember Tim Grayson with the 2024 Radke Championing Advocacy Award.

BACKGROUND

The Radke Championing Advocacy Award is awarded by the East Bay Regional Park District (Park District) and the Regional Parks Foundation to an advocacy champion who advances state or Federal support for the Park District. It is named for the late Ted Radke, a member of the Park District Board of Directors who, at 36 years of service, was the longest-serving board member in the Park District’s 90-year history. Director Radke established the Legislative Committee of the Board and was doggedly committed to strengthening the Park District’s ties to Sacramento and Washington, D.C.

Previous recipients include United States Representative Mark DeSaulnier, Assemblymember Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, State Senator Nancy Skinner, former General Manager Robert E. Doyle, State Senator Steve Glazer, Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia and State Senator Bob Wieckowski.

ANALYSIS

Assemblymember Tim Grayson is a champion of policies that promote transportation improvements which are in line with the Park District’s goal to provide climate-friendly transportation corridors, as well as policies that help minimize the risk of wildfires. The Assemblymember secured \$3 million in state funding for development of the South of Bailey Road Staging Area at Thurgood Marshall Regional Park – Home of the Port Chicago 50. He also authored AB 2091 Existing Trails for Nature Access which is Park District sponsored legislation.

United States Senator Alex Padilla and United States Representative John Garamendi will also be presented as a potential candidate to receive the award.

In 2024, a unique recognition will be presented to honor the legislative advocacy legacy of former Park District Director and State Legislator Ellen Corbett.

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

ATTACHMENTS

2024 Radke Award Recommendations Presentation.