



2024 Radke Championing Advocacy Award

Recommendations for 2024 nomination



Flora Csontos, Legislative Assistant

Radke Championing Advocacy Award

- Awarded by the Park District and Regional Parks Foundation to an advocacy champion who advances state or Federal support for the Park District.
- Named for the late Ted Radke, a member of the Park District Board of Directors for 36 years.
- Previous recipients include Representative Mark DeSaulnier, Assembly Member Rebecca Bauer-Kahan, and State Senator Nancy Skinner.
- In 2024: a unique award honoring Director Corbett as well.



Assemblymember Tim Grayson

- Champion of policies that promote transportation improvements and minimizing risk of wildfires.
- 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.
- Authored AB 2091 – Existing Trails for Nature Access, Park District sponsored legislation.



United States Representative John Garamendi


- In 2024, secured \$900,000 for the Martinez San Francisco Bay Trail Gap Closure Project in the Department of Transportation Budget
- Currently advancing \$1.5 million as a Community Benefit Project request for the Richmond Bay Trail Gap Closure Project
- Strongly supported and provided leadership on the successful \$10.2 million TIGER II grant funding request in 2010



United States Senator Alex Padilla

- Champion of policies that promote sustainability, protect the environment, and mitigate the harmful effects of climate change
- Secured \$1.5 million in direct funding to the Park District for wildfire mitigation in 2022
- Champion of the Land and Water Conservation Fund authoring the S.448 – Outdoors for All which codifies the Outdoor Recreation Legacy Partnership (ORLP) program
- Secured language in the National Defense Authorization Act to expedite the environmental remediation and transfer of property at the former Oakland Army Base





Champion: a person
who fights or argues
for a cause or on behalf
of someone else.



Director Ted Radke, 2009

We appreciate your recommendation!

