LEGAL AUTHORITY, HISTORY AND ORGANIZATION OF THE DISTRICT

The Livermore Area Recreation and Park District is an independent special district organized under the provision of Chapter 4, Division 5, Public Resources Code, State of California (5700 series). As such, it is a political subdivision of the State – a completely independent governmental agency.

The District was originally organized as the Livermore Area Park, Recreation and Parkway District. In a special election on Tuesday, June 10, 1947, Livermore voters ratified a resolution of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors to form the Livermore Area Park, Recreation and Parkway District. This vote expressed a desire of the local citizens for an adequate park and recreation system within the District for the purposes of

1) Organizing, promoting and conducting community recreation programs
2) Establishing an operational system of recreation and facilities
3) Acquiring land and facilities for recreation usage.

By January 12, 1948, the District was authorized to levy and collect taxes based on assessed property values within the District. For nearly 10 years thereafter, the affairs of the District were administered by a nine-member recreation board acting in an advisory capacity to the governing body of the District – the Alameda County Board of Supervisors.

County resolution No. 85820 provided for a special election to be held in the Livermore Area Park, Recreation and Parkway District in Alameda County on Tuesday, January 21, 1958 for the purpose of submitting to the electorate of the District the question of whether or not the District should be governed by its own Board of Directors and providing for the first Board of Directors of the District.

In this election, five Directors were elected: William A. Clark, John S. Foster, Jr., Lester J. Knott, Leonard G. Lind, and M.W. "Tex" Spruiell.

On December 8, 1959, by Resolution No. 41, the Board of Directors changed the name of the District to the Livermore Area Recreation and Park District.