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City of Baldwin Park Honors Major League Baseball Player Bernardo Flores with Street Dedication

BALDWIN PARK, CA – On Wednesday, November 20, the City of Baldwin Park held a street dedication ceremony in which Cleary Drive was dedicated to Major League Baseball player and Baldwin Park native Bernardo Flores. The ceremony, held at Baldwin Park High School, celebrated the achievements of Flores, a native son of Baldwin Park whose journey from Baldwin Park to the big leagues serves as an inspiration to future generations in our community.

“Today, we celebrate not just an athlete but a role model,” said Baldwin Park Mayor Emmanuel J. Estrada. “Bernardo’s success story is a result of countless hours of dedication and hard work, embodying the spirit of Baldwin Park and serving as an inspiration to the youth in our community. Through all of his success, Bernardo has always stayed connected to the Baldwin Park community, serving as a mentor, coach and philanthropist in our community.”

Born and raised in Baldwin Park, Flores attended Baldwin Park High School, where he was an All-CIF selection and honor roll student. After graduating in 2013, he continued his baseball career at the University of Southern California before being drafted by the Chicago White Sox in 2016. Flores has played for multiple Major League teams, including the White Sox and St. Louis Cardinals.

Flores’s impact, however, extends well beyond the baseball diamond; during the offseason he often returns to Baldwin Park and gives back to the community. He can frequently be found working with his former coach Jake Barendregt and helping coach the newest generations of Baldwin Park High School baseball players.

During the ceremony, City officials officially renamed the street to Bernardo Flores Dr. and unveiled a new special sign placed along the side of the road dedicating the street to Flores. The decision to rename the street was approved with a 4-1 vote at the September 18 City Council meeting, a testament to the widespread community support for Flores.

The street dedication is part of the City’s ongoing efforts to celebrate local heroes and foster community pride. Residents are encouraged to visit Bernardo Flores Drive and reflect on the accomplishments of a hometown hero who continues to inspire future generations.

About the City of Baldwin Park

Baldwin Park is a nearly seven-square-mile, suburban community of 72,000 residents in the heart of the San Gabriel Valley. As the hub of the San Gabriel Valley, Baldwin Park is known for its ease of access and mobility, young and diverse residents, and vibrant, growing business community. For more information, visit baldwinpark.com or follow Baldwin Park on Facebook (@BaldwinParkCAGov), Instagram (BaldwinPark_CAGov), and Twitter (BaldwinParkCA_).

