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Ownership of Lodi's Parkin Memorial Park Transferred to San Joaquin County

Lodi, CA – The Lodi Unified School District voted unanimously on a resolution to transfer control of Parkin Memorial Park to San Joaquin County during a public hearing on Tuesday night.

"This is an opportunity for us to help breathe new life into the park," said District Four Supervisor Steve Ding. "Our community has waited patiently for a neighborhood place to take their kids to play and families to gather."

In 2023, Supervisor Ding pledged \$10,000 in discretionary funding to be used for a new playground at the park. Planned upgrades stalled while the land transfer stayed in limbo. Parks and Recreation will incorporate the operations and maintenance of the park into its current plan and will manage upgrades and improvements to the space.

Parkin Memorial Park was created in 1977 by the community to honor Wally Parkin and his family who were tragically murdered in 1973 during an armed robbery.

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