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Portland Historical Landmark Commission

Dear Commissioners,

It has come to my attention that Erv Lind Field at Normandale Park has been added to LGBTQ+'s National Registry of Historical Places.

As a Florist player for the the six seasons prior to Erv Lind's passing, in the fall of 1964, I find it unacceptable that Mr. Lind's name and national softball legacy was used to promote the LGBTQ+ agenda.

Sexual orientation was a non-issue . Erv was interested in fielding the most competitive team possible. I played with non-LGBTQ+ as well as LGBTQ+, religious as well as non religious, liberal as well as conservative. None of those individually held beliefs were allowed to divide our team.

It was asppropriate to designate the softball field at Normandale Park "Erv Lind Field" in recognitional for his contribution to softball nationally, especially ASA . I urge a. correction be made. Remove the " Erv Lind Field" designation on the LGBTQ+ National Registry to be replaced by Normandale Park."

Respectfully,

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