

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 02-403

DATE November 20, 2002

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BOARD OF RECREATION AND PARK COMMISSIONERS

SUBJECT: APPROVE THE INSTALLATION OF A NEW PLAQUE ON THE JOSE MARTI MEMORIAL BUST IN ECHO PARK

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_ Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_ Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board approve the installation of a descriptive plaque on the Jose Marti Memorial Bust in Echo Park.

SUMMARY:

The Cultural Affairs Department has refurbished the Jose Marti Memorial Bust in Echo Park. The refurbishment activities include the installation of an additional plaque on the back of the sculpture. The request to install the plaque meets the Department's memorial plaque policy established in Board Report 416-95 on October 18, 1995, in that the request was received from the Cultural Affairs Department, who agreed to pay for the plaque and its installation. The plaque will be made of bronze and contain the following text:

JOSE MARTI MONUMENT

Jose Marti was a citizen of the Americas who fought for the concept of liberty and brotherhood for all men, without distinction of race, social status or religion. He was a poet, writer, teacher, political revolutionary and great patriot. His literary and philosophical work transformed him into one of the best writers amongst Latin American and Spanish authors. Born in Havana, Cuba, in 1853 he died in battle in Dos Rios, Cuba, May 19<sup>th</sup> 1895, fighting for the independence of Cuba from Spain.

The Environmental Management Division has determined that the proposed installation of the memorial plaque is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (5,6) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

The action is supported by Council District 13 and the Region Superintendent.