

REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

**APPROVED**

NO. 11-030

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**BOARD OF RECREATION  
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SUBJECT: ELYSIAN PARK – CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR THE INSTALLATION OF A TREE AND PLAQUE IN HONOR OF LOS DESTERRADOS AND LOUIS A. SANTILLAN

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Approved \_\_\_\_\_

Disapproved \_\_\_\_\_

Withdrawn \_\_\_\_\_

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for a tree and a plaque to be installed in Elysian Park in honor of Los Desterrados and Louis A. Santillan.

SUMMARY:

Elysian Park is a regional park located at 929 Academy Road. This facility is a 544.6 acre park, which includes a walking paths, hiking trails, picnic areas, benches, landscaping and irrigation as well as special amenities such as the Grace E. Simmons Lodge.

On December 15, 2010, the Department was contacted by Council District 9 with a request to install a tree and a plaque in Elysian Park in honor of Los Desterrados and Louis A. Santillan. Los Desterrados literally translates to The Uprooted and refers to the residents of Chavez Ravine who were evicted in order to build a public housing project on a consolidated site including parts of both Chavez Ravine and Elysian Park. That project proved to be unpopular and was never built. Several years later the area was developed as Dodger Stadium. Los Desterrados were originally organized by Mr. Louis Santillan and still meet regularly to commemorate the community. The plaque would be dedicated to Mr. Louis A. Santillan.

A subsequent report to your Board will include the proposed plaque language and location.

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Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), pursuant to Article VLL, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA guidelines, which provides for the placement of signs on park property as accessory structures to recreational facilities.

Metro Region management and staff has reviewed this proposal and found no objection.

Council District 1 is aware of the project and found no objection.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

Fiscal impacts will be described in a subsequent Report to the Board on this proposal.

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