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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 14-126

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SUBJECT: PAN PACIFIC PARK – PROPOSED INSTALLATION OF HAYM SALOMON
COMMEMORATIVE PLAQUE

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Haym Salomon
General Manager

Approved _____ Disapproved _____ Withdrawn _____

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board:

1. Approve the installation of a commemorative plaque at the foot of the Haym Salomon Statue currently located at Pan Pacific Park, as described in the Summary of this Report; and,
2. Authorize the Department of Recreation and Parks to issue a Right-of-Entry permit to the Los Angeles - Escholtzia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution.

SUMMARY:

The Los Angeles - Escholtzia Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (LA-DAR), has proposed to install a commemorative plaque in front of the existing statue of Haym Salomon located at Pan Pacific Park. The proposed plaque would supplement the statue and associated markers with a narrative that describes Mr. Salomon's contribution to the American Revolutionary War. Haym Salomon is not well known and the current statue and markers do not describe who Mr. Salomon was as an American Jewish Patriot.

LA-DAR is the second oldest California chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). It is a non-profit, non-political volunteer women's service organization dedicated to promoting patriotism, preserving American history, and securing America's future through better education for children. Any woman 18 years of age or older - regardless of race, religion, or ethnic background - who can prove lineal descent from a patriot of the American Revolution, is eligible for membership.

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Mr. Haym Salomon was a Polish born Jewish immigrant to America who played an important role in financing the American Revolutionary War. He was a financial broker in New York City when he was arrested by the British as a spy in 1776. He was pardoned and used by the British as an interpreter with their German troops. Mr. Salomon, however, continued to help prisoners of the British escape and encouraged German troops to desert. He was arrested again in 1778 and sentenced to death. But he was able to escape to the "rebel" capital of Philadelphia, where he resumed his career as a broker and dealer in securities. He also became broker to the French consul and paymaster to French troops in America. At the time of Mr. Salomon's arrival in Philadelphia, the Continental Congress was struggling to raise money to support the war. Congress had no powers of direct taxation and had to rely on requests for money directed to the states. The government had no choice but to borrow money and was ultimately bailed out by loans from the French and Dutch governments. From 1781 on, Mr. Salomon brokered bills of exchange for the American government and extended interest-free loans to members of Congress.

The existing Haym Salomon statue was executed by Robert Paine in 1943 and installed at the Department of Recreation and Parks' (Department) MacArthur Park in 1944. In 1983, at the request of the Jewish War Veterans of the United States (Los Angeles County Council), the statue was relocated to its current location in Pan Pacific Park (see Exhibit A).

The proposed commemorative plaque measures approximately 20"x 26" which will be on top of a 24"x 30" pedestal sitting on a 36"x 40" base (see Exhibits B1-B3). The plaque will be cast in bronze with a raised single line border with an arched top. The DAR emblem will be located in the arch. It will have Times Roman lettering with dark brown colored, leatherette textured background. The pedestal will be made of Halila honed limestone, which is a durable stone indigenous to Israel and is intended as a homage to Haym Salomon's Jewish roots. The base will be made of concrete. The entire assemblage described above is proposed to be placed in front of the current statue as depicted in Exhibit C.

The proposed commemorative plaque will include the following inscription:

HAYM SALOMON
1740-1785

A Jewish immigrant from Lezno, Poland, Haym Salomon arrived in New York City in the years preceding the Revolutionary War. He was arrested by the British as a spy. Following his escape, he assisted the Continental Army as a purveyor to soldiers. He provided supplies and financial assistance while travelling with the troops withdrawing from New York. After moving the family to Philadelphia, he became a broker for the Office of Finance under the Superintendent of Finance, Robert Morris. Fluent in several languages, Salomon was invaluable in negotiating the sale of war aid from European countries including France and Holland.

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Haym Salomon contributed most of his personal effects and financial holdings to the American Revolution. He died January 6, 1785 in Philadelphia, PA.

“Gentleman, scholar, patriot, and banker, whose only interest was the interest of his country”

Congress Report 1936

Marker place by the

Los Angeles-Eschscholtzia Chapter

National Society Daughters of the American Revolution

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There will be no cost to the Department for installation of the proposed commemorative plaque. All associated costs will be borne by the LA-DAR, who will arrange for the installation after the issuance of the appropriate Right-of-Entry permit. The applicant has agreed to maintain the plaque to the satisfaction of the Department in addition to signing a waiver which allows for the removal of the plaque, at the sole discretion of the Department, if not maintained to Department standards.

The Cultural Affairs Commission may have to also authorize installation of the proposed commemorative plaque. Should it be required, Cultural Affairs Commission approval will be obtained prior to the issuance of the Right of Entry permit.

Staff has determined that the subject project is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article VII, Section 1, Class 1 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

Council District 4 and Pacific Region management and staff support this project at Pan Pacific Park.

FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

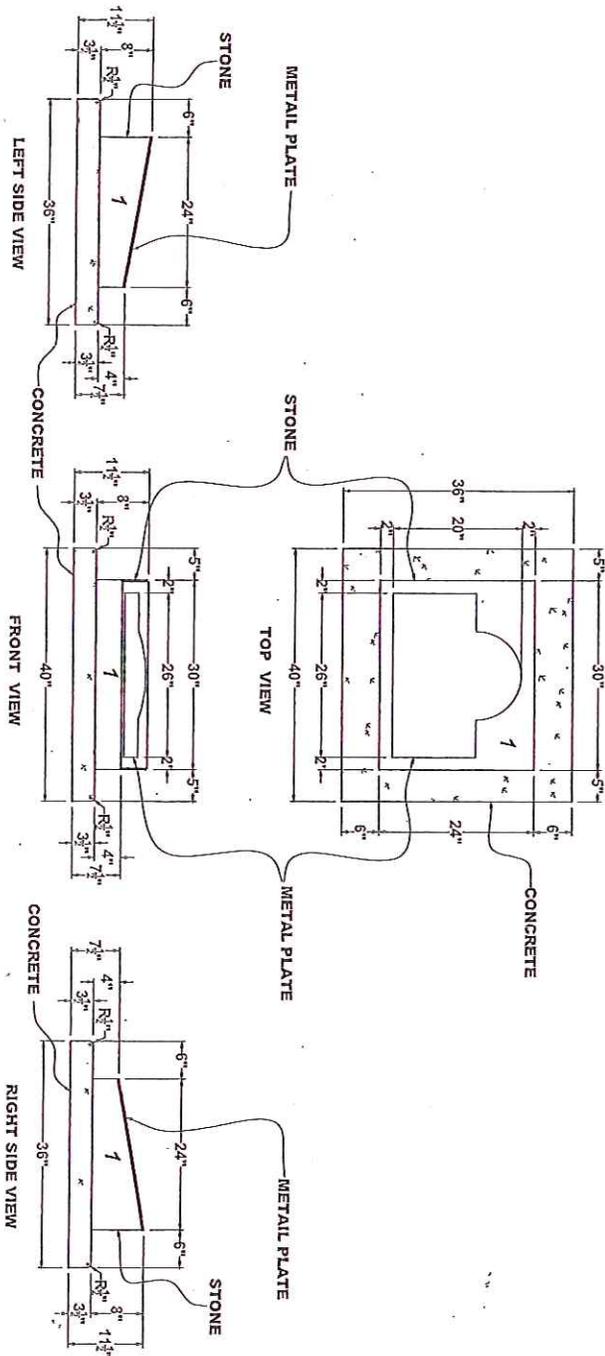
There will be negligible impact to the Department's General Fund due to LA-DAR's commitment to bearing all costs associated with the design, installation and maintenance of the commemorative plaque and the ability to remove the plaque if necessary.

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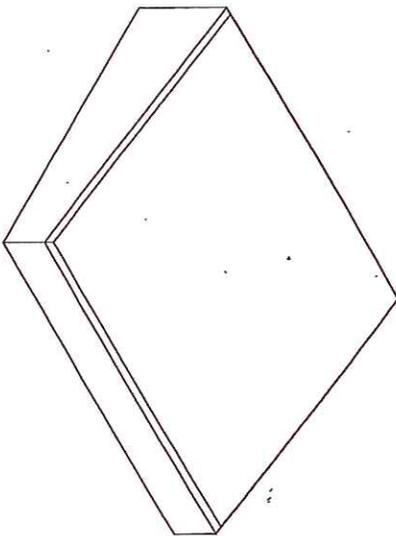
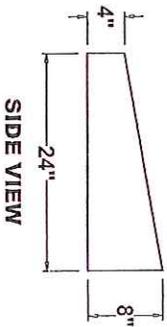
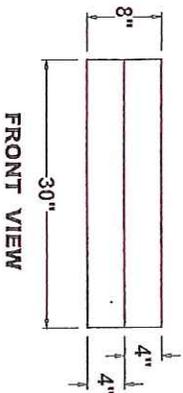
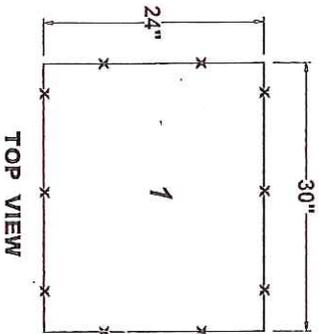
Exhibit A



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3D VIEW

Exhibit B3

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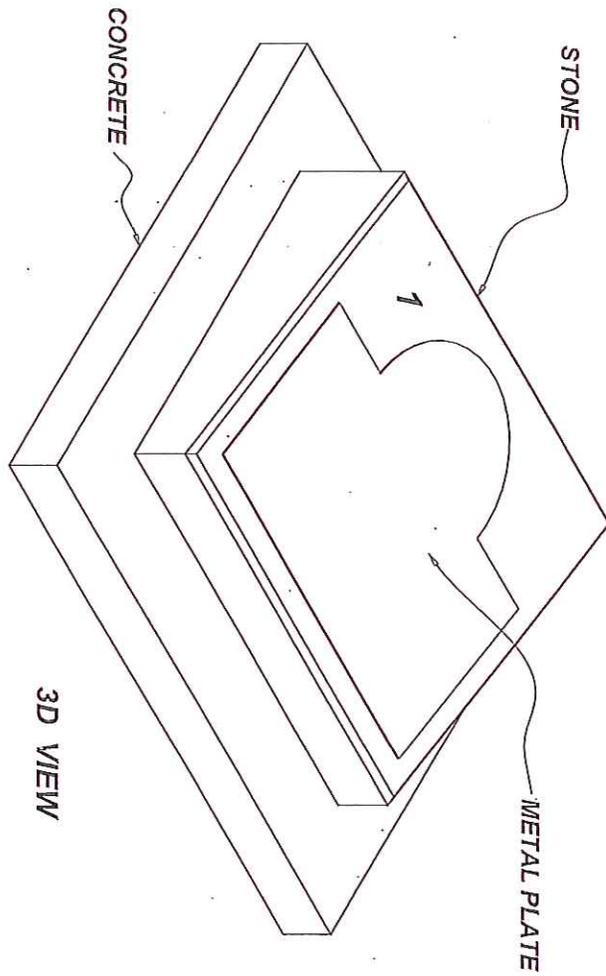


Exhibit C

