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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 06-232

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SUBJECT: LOS ANGELES HIGH SCHOOL MEMORIAL PARK - INSTALLATION OF  
MOSAIC TILE BENCH

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board:

1. Approve the installation of a mosaic tile bench on the small grassy area in front of the Library building, just west of the main walkway at the Los Angeles High School Memorial Park; and,
2. Authorize Department staff to issue a right-of-entry permit to Friends of the Memorial Library.

SUMMARY:

Los Angeles High School Memorial Park is located at 4625 West Olympic Boulevard, in the Wilshire Area of Los Angeles. Friends of the Memorial Library have proposed the installation of a mosaic tile bench on the grass area in front of the Library building, just west of the main walkway (see Exhibit A). The Memorial Library building is located adjacent to the Park, and just north of the proposed location for the mosaic tile bench.

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Friends of the Memorial Library (FOML) is a community based non-profit organization that was founded in 1973 to provide cultural and educational programs for the library, stimulate public awareness of library needs, and promote the general welfare and growth of the library. A Community Beautification Grant, awarded by the Board of Public Works' Office of Community Beautification, will fund the mosaic tile bench and related installation costs. The Cultural Affairs Department has informed this Department that, due to the scope and design of this project, it need not be submitted for their approval.

The artist is Brent Spears. The project, called "Literary Mosaic" will comprise one concrete bench covered with colored stone, china, and ceramic tiles (see Exhibit B). Community members, including student volunteers from Los Angeles High School, will assist the artist with the casting and construction of the mosaic tile bench. The bench will be approximately four (4) feet tall, twelve (12) feet wide, and three (3) feet deep. The bench will have planters at each end of the seating area, as well as a concrete foundation which will extend 6-12 inches around the bench. Colored stone, china, and ceramic tiles will be installed flush with the concrete to form a smooth surface mosaic. The completed mosaic's images would depict the past, present, and future of the local community.

Anti-graffiti coating will be applied over the mosaic tile bench to protect it. Maintenance will be the responsibility of the artist and FOML. These issues, as well as insurance requirements and permission to work on the property at Los Angeles High School Memorial Park, will be delineated in the right-of-entry permit. Federal and State laws protect artists against destruction of fine artworks (See California Civil Code Section 987). Prior to future removal or alteration of the bench, the City will be required to notify the artist, or the artist's heirs, or representatives and allow the bench to be removed by the artist at the artist's expense.

The Councilperson of this District and Metro Region staff support this project.

Staff has determined that the subject project will consist of the placement of a bench, which is a minor structure that is accessory to (appurtenant to) the existing park facilities, and therefore, is exempt from the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Article III, Section 1, Class 11 (1) of the City CEQA Guidelines.

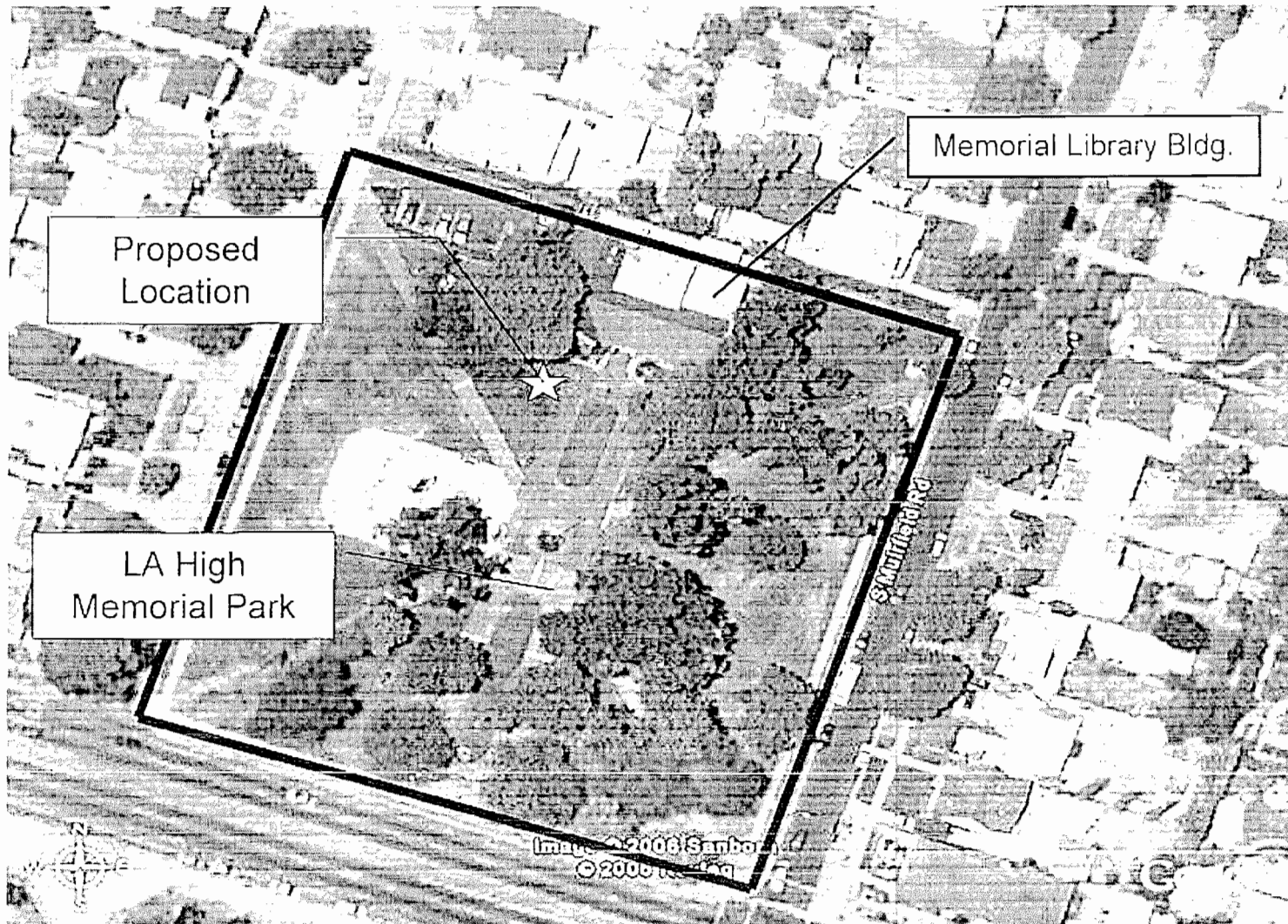
### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Approval of the mosaic tile bench will have negligible impact on the General Fund due to the Office of Community Beautification funding the cost of the mosaic tile bench, and its installation, with maintenance the responsibility of the artist and FOML.

This report was prepared by Camille D. Walls, City Planner, Planning and Development.

# EXHIBIT A

Proposed Location



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# EXHIBIT B

Samples of Mosaic Tiles

