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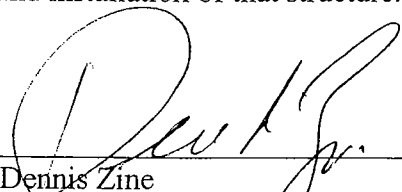
BUDGET & FINANCE

During the late 1960's and early 70's, members of the Los Angeles Police Department struggled to serve a community divided over racial tensions and over the Vietnam War. In an effort to shore up support for local law enforcement, John J. McMahon, the General Manager of KABC-TV at that time, began an effort to raise funds to design and build a memorial to those Los Angeles police officers who died in the line of duty protecting their community. The LAPD Memorial was subsequently designed by Mr. Horace Farmer and erected on the northwest corner of Parker Center at a cost of \$75,000. On October 1, 1971, this Memorial was dedicated in a public ceremony and, until recently, served as the site for annual events paying respects to those police officers who died and to their families who sacrificed their loved ones. The names of fallen officers are permanently inscribed into the marble face of this structure.

Recently, the construction of the new Metro Detention Center adjacent to Parker Center required the removal of the LAPD Memorial, and it is currently being stored out of public view in City-owned space. With the construction of the new Police Headquarters on the Old Caltrans site expected to take nearly four years, the possibility exists that this tribute to LAPD officers' sacrifices will not be displayed for years to come. The opportunity exists to relocate this structure elsewhere, thereby continuing to publicly honor fallen officers and their families. The Van Nuys Civic Center Plaza in the heart of the San Fernando Valley would be an ideal location to which the LAPD Memorial can be immediately relocated. With the new Marvin Braude Constituent Service Center, the restored Van Nuys City Hall, and the redesigned Erwin Street Mall, valley residents and visitors who walk the Plaza would be given the honor of viewing this impressive, yet somber, tribute to our law enforcement family.

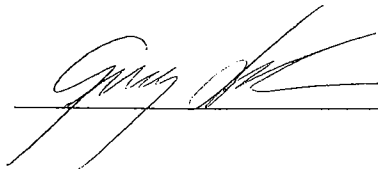
I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council authorize and instruct the Bureau of Engineering, with the assistance of the LAPD, to relocate the LAPD Memorial to a suitable location in the Van Nuys Civic Center Plaza, and that the City Administrative Officer identify the appropriate funding source to pay for the relocation and installation of that structure.

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