



Agenda Report

Fullerton City Council

MEETING DATE: SEPTEMBER 21, 2020

TO: CITY COUNCIL / SUCCESSOR AGENCY

SUBMITTED BY: STEVE DANLEY, ACTING CITY MANAGER

PREPARED BY: ANISSA LIVAS, ADMINISTRATIVE ANALYST

SUBJECT: ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS CEMETERY IN ANAHEIM HILLS

SUMMARY

Request for formal support of the Orange County Veterans Cemetery in Anaheim Hills and encourage federal, state and local governments to support this project. The draft resolution would add Fullerton to the list of supporters for this veteran's cemetery.

RECOMMENDATION

Adopt Resolution No. 2021-XX.

RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX – A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FULLERTON, CALIFORNIA, DECLARING SUPPORT OF THE ORANGE COUNTY VETERANS CEMETERY IN ANAHEIM HILLS

FISCAL IMPACT

None.

DISCUSSION

The County of Orange has allocated over 200 acres of county-owned land located at Gypsum Canyon near the intersection of the 91 freeway and 241 toll road in Anaheim Hills to honor and respect the men and women who served our country.

Over 130,000 veterans reside in Orange County. However, the closest veteran cemeteries are in Riverside, Los Angeles and San Diego counties. Assembly Member Sharon Quirk-Silva authored Assembly Bill (AB) 1453 in 2014 that, among other things, created a Southern California Veterans Cemetery Master Development Fund and required all monies used for the design, development and construction of a state-owned, state-operated Southern California State Veterans Cemetery. The Fullerton

City Council adopted Resolution No. 2014-12 in support of Assembly Bill 1453 on March 4, 2014 and the establishment of a Southern California State Veterans Cemetery (Attachment 1).

Since that time, development of a location in Irvine has stalled. The County has identified a new site in Anaheim Hills, near the 91 freeway and 241 toll road. The Anaheim City Council unanimously voted to support the new location in Anaheim Hills on July 20, 2021. The Orange County Supervisors ('Board') unanimously adopted a resolution supporting the development of a veteran's cemetery in Anaheim Hills on July 27, 2021. The Board also approved a \$20 million donation for the site and asked federal, state and local governments to voice their support for the project. Following this request, several other cities as well as regional elected officials and numerous veteran organizations throughout Orange County and the state have voiced their support for the project.

The City of Fullerton is proud to support the nation's military veterans and recognize those who have made the ultimate sacrifice. Support of this Anaheim Hills Veterans cemetery will further show the City's commitment to honoring veterans, particularly those who reside in Fullerton and surrounding Orange County.

Attachments:

- Attachment 1: Resolution No. 2014-12
- Attachment 2: Resolution No. 2021-XX