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REPORT OF GENERAL MANAGER

NO. 11-208

DATE July 13, 2011

BOARD OF RECREATION  
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SUBJECT: VALENCIA TRIANGLE (WEST 8<sup>TH</sup> STREET AT VALENCIA STREET) –  
CONCEPTUAL APPROVAL FOR THE CREATION OF THE FRANCISCO  
MORAZAN CENTRAL COMMUNITY SQUARE AND PLACEMENT OF A  
MAP AND BUST

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for creation of the Francisco Morazan Central American Community Square and placement of a map and bust at the Valencia Triangle (West 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Valencia Street).

SUMMARY:

The Valencia Triangle is a triangular piece of property owned by the Department and located at West 8<sup>th</sup> Street at Valencia Street just west of downtown. The triangle measures about 2,693 square feet and is currently a dirt lot with one tree (Exhibit A).

In April 2011, the Department was introduced to the proposal from El Rescate for the placement of a bust of Francisco Morazan and the creation of a Francisco Morazan Central American Community Square (Square) at the Department's Valencia Triangle. Francisco Morazan is a Central American hero who fought for justice and the unification of the Central American countries in the early to mid-19<sup>th</sup> Century. He was the President of the United Provinces of Central America (1830-40), and an outstanding military and political hero of Central America from 1827 until his death in 1842.

The proposed bust of Francisco Morazan is 32 inches tall, fabricated in bronze. It will be placed on a five (5) foot high by thirty (30) inch long by twelve (12) inch wide concrete base (Exhibit B1 and Exhibit B2). The bust will be installed at the east end of the triangle. A colored concrete ground level map of Central America will be installed at the south end of the triangle. (Exhibit C) Other improvements to the triangle include landscaping, an irrigation system,

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sidewalks around the triangle, and bench walls. The proposed Square is intended to provide a cultural gathering place for the neighborhood (Exhibit D).

El Rescate is a non-profit organization that works for economic and social justice by promoting the well-being and self-reliance of Central Americans and other Latinos in the United States, particularly the residents of the Pico-Union/Westlake area of the City of Los Angeles. Part of its mission is to provide immigration, human, and civil rights legal services through its legal department. El Rescate also provides community education, access to financial services, economic development, job training and creation, housing development, technical assistance, and public policy guidance for transnational immigrant organizations through its economic and social development department. Their offices are located at 1501 W. 8<sup>th</sup> Street which is across the street from the Valencia Triangle.

Funding for the proposal comes from a combination of private donations, State grants, and Community Redevelopment Agency funds. It is estimated that the project will cost approximately \$100,000 to construct. It should be noted that the Cultural Affairs Commission approved the proposed bust and Central American map at its meeting on June 16, 2011.

Should a conceptual approval for the project be granted, staff will work with El Rescate to gather community input on the proposal. A subsequent report which would include additional project details and provide the community's comments on the proposal, will be submitted to the Board for final approval of the proposal.

Council District 1 and Metro Region management and staff support this project at the Valencia Triangle.

### FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Issues of maintenance, statue removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, in a subsequent report to the Board.

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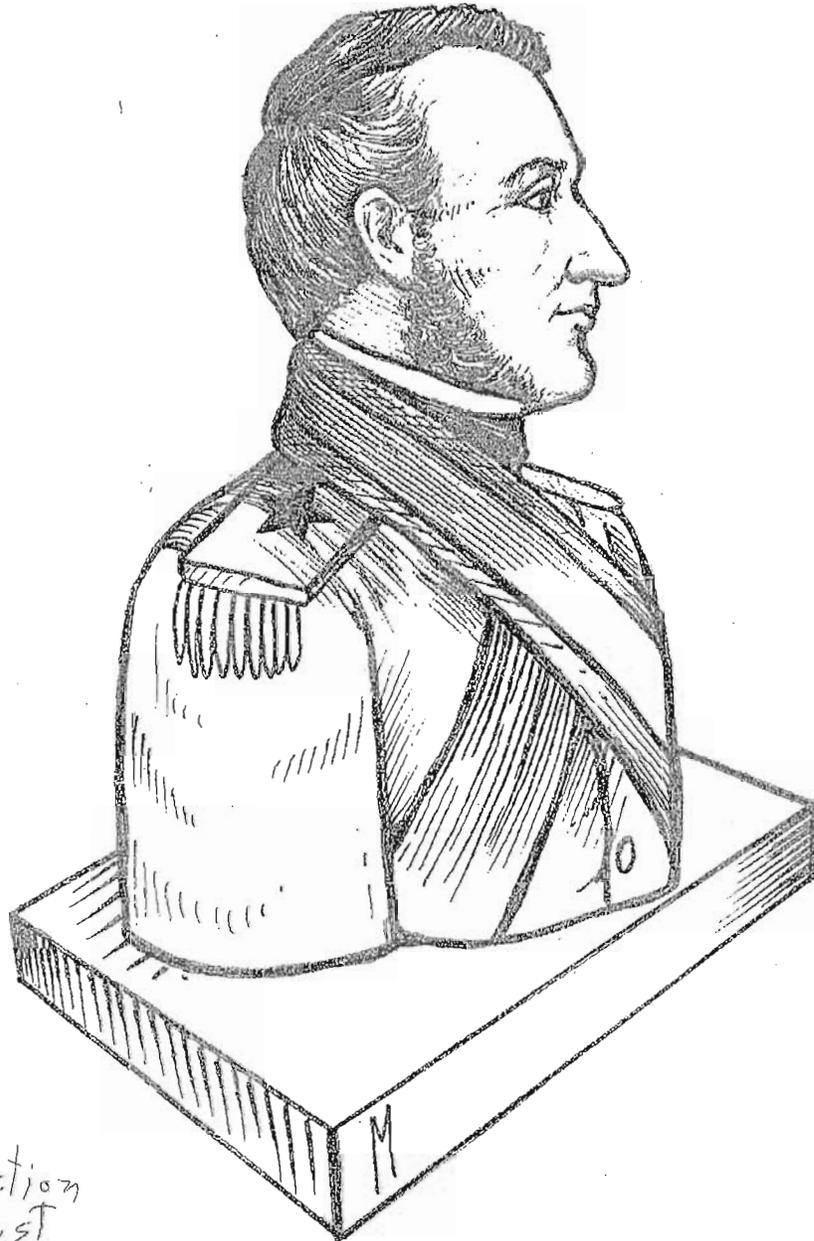
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ASSESSOR'S MAP  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIF.



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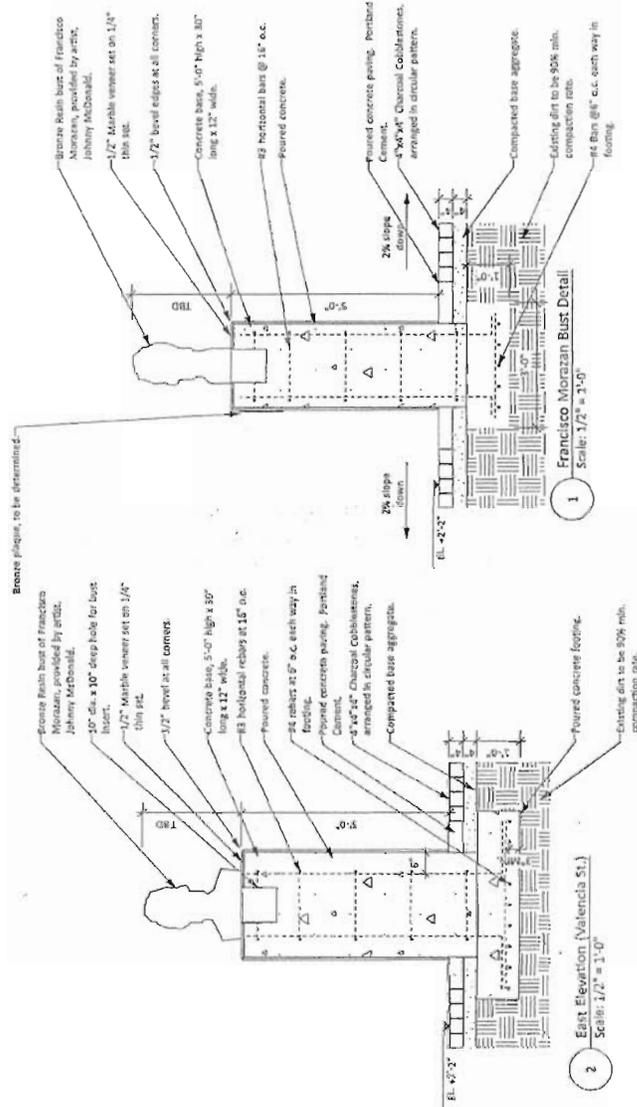


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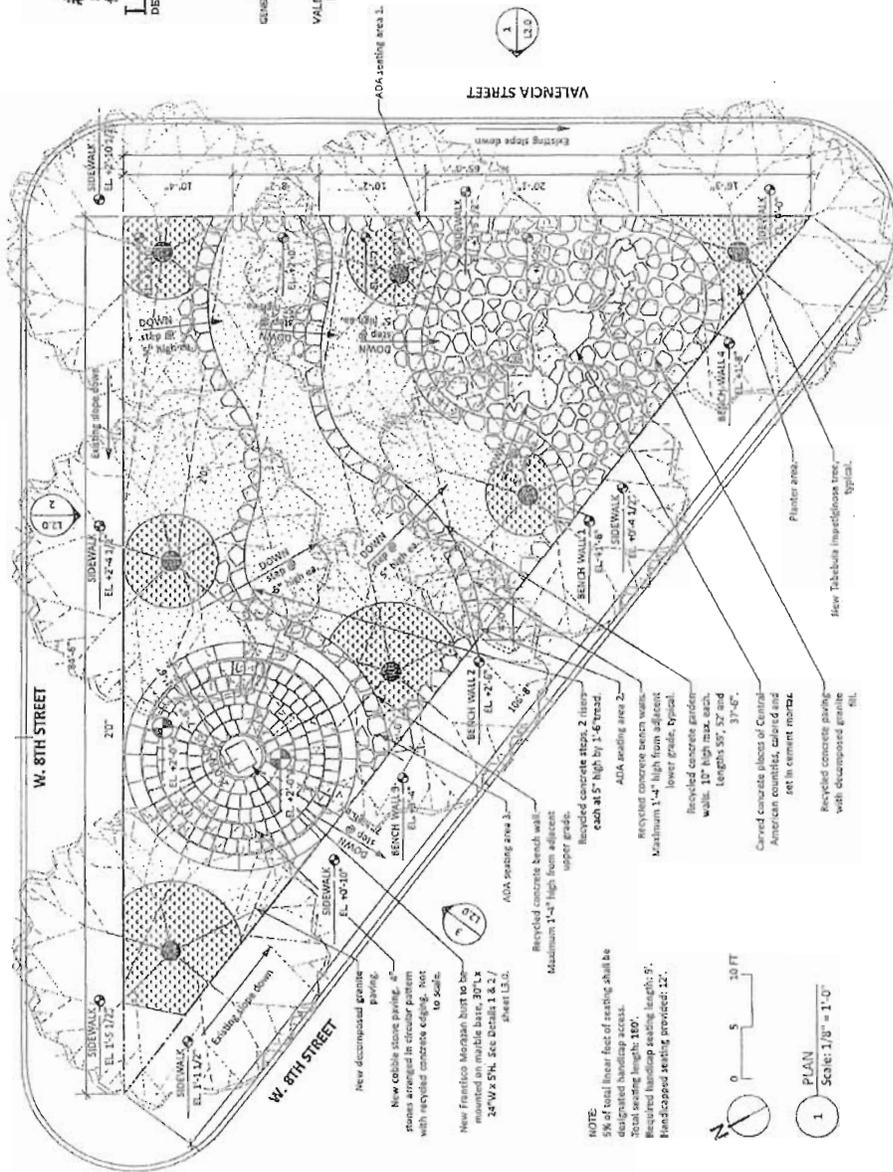


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**NOTE:**  
5% of total linear feet of seating shall be designated handicap access.  
Total seating length: 180'.  
Required handicap seating length: 9'.  
Handicapped seating provided: 22'.



1 PLAN  
Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"