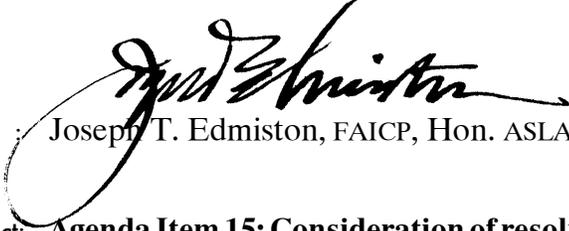


Memorandum

To : The Conservancy
The Advisory Committee

Date: February 25, 2008

From : 
Joseph T. Edmiston, FAICP, Hon. ASLA, Executive Director

Subject: **Agenda Item 15: Consideration of resolution authorizing a grant of memorial donations in the Conservancy Fund to the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementing Marvin B. Braude Gateway Park interpretive panels.**

Staff Recommendation: That the Conservancy adopt the attached resolution authorizing a Conservancy Fund grant of \$15,278 to Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority for implementing interpretive panels and improvements at Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park at the south end of Reseda Boulevard in the City of Los Angeles.

Legislative Authority: Section 33204.27 of the Public Resources Code; Section 33215 of the Public Resources Code.

Background: The late Los Angeles City Councilman Marvin B. Braude was a longtime activist for establishment of a Santa Monica Mountains Park. He was Chairperson of the Santa Monica Mountains Comprehensive Planning Commission, and a fervent supporter of the Santa Monica Mountains Conservancy and the Santa Monica Mountains National Recreation Area. He worked throughout his tenure on the council toward preserving mountain parkland. When he passed away in late 2005, his daughters and friends requested that donations in his memory be made to the Conservancy. Over fifteen thousand dollars were donated and deposited into the Conservancy Fund. The Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority is planning for interpretive displays and kiosk to tell the story of the mountains and Councilman Braude's integral role in the park's establishment. Marvin B. Braude Mulholland Gateway Park is the location, the park which had already been named in Councilman Braude's honor some years ago while he was still serving the city. He attended the dedication ceremonies. The grant of donated memorial funds will go toward the services of the Mountains Recreation and Conservation Authority's graphic designer, landscape architect, and facilities staff, who will provide the design, interpretive materials, displays, and installation.