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**AIDS Monument Renovation Funds Approved**

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## **PRESS RELEASE**



## **Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors Approve Renovation Funds for The Wall Las Memorias AIDS Monument**

**With a unanimous vote on Tuesday, May 10th, 2016, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved the motion to allocate \$350,000.00 for renovations of the Las Memorias AIDS Monument in Lincoln Park-- the first publicly funded AIDS monument in the nation.**

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**Los Angeles, CA--** The AIDS monument renovation project in Lincoln Park will be funded in part by Proposition A, the Sage Neighborhoods Park Tax that is set to expire in 2019. In March 2015, the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors approved a motion to initiate the Countywide Comprehensive Parks and Recreation Needs Assessment, which found The Wall Las Memorias AIDS Monument in dire need of rehabilitation. The Los Angeles County Board of Supervisor President Hilda Solis made this possible by including the request in her motion to allocate funding for priority parks projects for the First Supervisorial District.

In allocating the funds, Supervisor Solis expressed support of The Wall Las Memorias AIDS Monument as it is the only one of its kind in the nation and resides in the first supervisorial district of Los Angeles County. The monument has and will continue to serve as a catalyst for social change and as a place for our community to remember those who were lost to this epidemic that claimed so many lives.

The monument was originally dedicated on December 1st, 2004 in Lincoln Park before a crowd of more than 1,500 community members. The funding provides for the rehabilitation, installation of new equipment, and minor alterations to land; the non-profit seeks to replace the concrete pathway, install new irrigation, lighting, landscaping and new gardens.

Richard L. Zaldivar, the founder and executive director, stated, "Our community thanks the leadership of Supervisor Solis for her action and vision. The funding will ensure that the monument will serve the people of the community for the generations to come."

The Wall las Memorias Project is now seeking a landscaping architect to meet with community members to assist in the new design, with construction projected to begin within the year. Additional funding will be sought to complete the \$500,000 estimated worth of renovations. Los Angeles City

Councilmember Gilbert Cedillo has pledged to seek additional funding for the project. In addition, the organization looks forward to reclaiming the \$100,000 of a security deposit that was part of the initial payment of the monument's construction.

HIV/AIDS continue to plague minority groups, deeply impacting the Latino community of Los Angeles County. According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Hispanics/Latinos accounted for 21% (251,700) of the estimated 1.2 million people with HIV infection in the United States."

The Wall Las Memorias Project is a community health and wellness organization dedicated to serving Latino, LGBT and other underserved populations through advocacy, education and building the next generation of leadership. Agency programs and services focus on HIV/AIDS, hepatitis-C, substance abuse, and mental health awareness and prevention as they relate to the general LGBTQ community.

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