



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held December 18, 2007, the Board took the following action:

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Supervisor Molina made the following statement:

“In September of this year, the Department of Public Works granted a permit for the placement of mural artwork in the Flood Control District’s right-of-way along the Arroyo Seco at its confluence with the Los Angeles River. This mural artwork was authorized at the behest of the Friends of the Los Angeles River. Parts of the mural artwork may have been placed outside the area for which the permit was granted. Additionally, portions of the mural artwork were defaced with graffiti and other graphic elements which are contrary to the public health and welfare, and offensive to many. Additionally, this area of the Flood Control District right-of-way was defaced with a great deal of additional graffiti. As we all know, graffiti is detrimental to the communities in which it is located, and it can lead to violence and even to the death of innocent persons.

“The Friends of the Los Angeles River had indicated that it was taking steps to address this problem, but over the past several days, regrettably, it has become clear that the Friends are unwilling or unable to address these issues. The Department of Public Works has indicated that it recommends a 90-day notice under the California Art Preservation Act be provided to the mural artwork’s artists, declaring Public Works’ intention to remove the mural artwork should the mural artwork’s artists fail to remove it themselves or to pay for its removal.”

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Therefore, on motion of Supervisor Molina, seconded by Supervisor Knabe, unanimously carried, the Board made a finding pursuant to Government Code Section 54954.2(b)(2), that there is a need to take immediate action and that the need for action came to the attention of the Board subsequent to the agenda being posted as specified in subdivision (a); and authorized the Director of Public Works to take the following actions:

1. Provide a 90-day notice to the artists of the mural artwork, declaring Public Works' intention to remove the mural artwork in the event that the mural artwork's artists fail to remove it themselves;
2. Submit a bill for the costs of removal of the mural artwork to the Friends of the Los Angeles River;
3. Remove graffiti that has been placed in the Flood Control District's right-of-way along the Arroyo Seco at its confluence with the Los Angeles River; and
4. Remove any graffiti or other unpermitted work that has been placed in the Flood Control District's right-of-way along the Arroyo Seco at its confluence with the Los Angeles River.

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