



**PUBLIC REQUEST TO ADDRESS
THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, CALIFORNIA**

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Agenda #	Relate To	Position	Name	Comments
18.		Favor	Janet Whaley	I would urge the Board of Supervisors to approve the Historic Landmark Nomination for the Owen Brown Gravesite. The members of Altadena Heritage's Owen Brown Gravesite Committee have worked tirelessly over many years to bring this nomination to fruition. The gravesite is one of the few remaining tangible connections to Owen Brown. It is a place of history, and historic connection with the Civil War, that should not be forgotten. The gravesite location has been restored, the trail marked, and it is ready for people to learn more about this local historical connection. I would ask for your favorable consideration of this nomination.
			michele zack	Altadena Heritage first applied to grant this historic gravesite Landmark Status in 1989, and was turned down by the LA Landmark Commission. I encourage you to correct this longstanding error today, and recognize Owen Brown and his gravesite's significance in Los Angeles and National history. He was active in the Pasadena/Altadena area as the last living member of the party raiding the armory at Harpers Ferry Virginia, which led to the Civil War and ending American slavery. He was venerated by local people here, and half of Pasadena's population of around 4,000 attended his funeral when he died in 1889. His gravesite has ever after been a spot of pilgrimage and a memorial to the Union Cause in the Civil War, and the sacrifices of many to abolish slavery. Today, Feb. 27 is the 164th anniversary of Abraham Lincoln's Cooper Union Address, the speech many historians believe secured his nomination as the Republican Candidate in the election of 1860 — an auspicious day to finally recognize Owen Brown and his family's role in American history.
			Steve Messer	The Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group, convened in 2003 by a Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors motion, advocates for the maintenance, improvement, and re-establishment of the historic Altadena Crest Trail and its connected trail network. Altadena's trails have strong ties to local history, and Owen Brown is emblematic of that history. We strongly support the nomination of the Owen Brown Gravesite for Historic Landmark recognition, and thank Supervisor Barger for introducing this resolution. The trail network of Altadena is intrinsically tied to local history, and this site is deserving of protected status.
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