MOTION

Griffith Park is Los Angeles' preeminent regional park, located in the heart of a sprawling metropolis, and containing some of the City's most beloved park assets in over 4511 acres of park land. In addition to the built and maintained portions of the park, Griffith Park is also an integral part of the Rim of the Valley and the wider Southern California ecology, containing thousands of acres of natural habitat that, until recently, was home to our beloved adult mountain lion, P-22.

Several months ago, medical professionals with the California Department of Fish & Wildlife and the National Park Service made the difficult decision to euthanize P-22 after he experienced an acute injury and age-related health issues.

Since his passing, Angelenos have expressed their appreciation of P-22 through numerous events and memorials that culminated recently with a ceremonial burial. P-22 inspired and uplifted Los Angeles. After traversing treacherous roadways to make his home in the heart of our city, P-22's steady presence was a welcome reminder of nature's perseverance in our sprawling metropolis.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to create an ad hoc committee of the Griffith Park Advisory Board (GPAB), composed of City personnel and private stakeholders, to determine the location and design of a permanent memorial to P-22. In the process, the committee should interface and collaborate with the public and interested stakeholders, including Friends of Griffith Park, the National Wildlife Federation, the California Department of Fish and Wildlife, National Park Service, and local tribes.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Recreation and Parks to report back within 120 days with recommendations for a permanent P-22 memorial, based on the results of the GPAB ad hoc committee's process. The report should include associated costs and incorporate any private donation offers of a memorial statue of P-22 within Griffith Park.

I FURTHER MOVE that the City Council instruct the Department of Cultural Affairs, with the assistance of the Department of Recreation and Parks, Bureau of Engineering, and any other relevant departments, to report back within 120 days with a proposal for a memorial and/or donation-based memorial program dedicated to the memory of P-22 in the City of Los Angeles.

PRESENTED BY:

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