SUBJECT: NORTH WEDDINGTON PARK – INITIAL CONSIDERATION OF PLAQUE PROPOSAL TO COMMEMORATE CALIFORNIA VICTIMS OF SEPTEMBER 11 TERRORIST ATTACKS

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board grant conceptual approval for the installation of a plaque at North Weddington Park, as described in the Summary of this Report.

SUMMARY:

North Weddington Park is a 10.21 acre community park located at 10844 Acama Street in the North Hollywood area of the City. This facility includes an auditorium, barbeque pits, baseball diamond, basketball courts, community room, handball courts and volleyball courts. This proposal is for the installation of a plaque at North Weddington Park that will commemorate the thirty-two (32) Californians who were killed in the September 11, 2001 (9/11) terrorist attacks.

The Department has been contacted by the Greater Toluca Lake Neighborhood Council with a request to install a memorial plaque at North Weddington Park. The plaque would be installed within the memorial grove of thirty-two (32) trees that were planted in the park in 2004 and will list the names of those Californians who lost their lives in the 9/11 terrorist attacks.

The proposed plaque will follow the Department’s plaque policy in size, material, and installation. Should a conceptual approval for the project be granted the next step would be to gather community input on the proposal. A subsequent report to your Board requesting a final approval would include additional project details and reflect the community’s comments on the project.

Council District 4 and Valley Region management and staff support this project at North Weddington Park.
FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT:

Issues of maintenance, plaque removal, and any associated costs will be identified, as will the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) clearance, in a subsequent report to your Board.

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