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August 19, 2021

COMMUNITY IMPACT STATEMENT

CF 21-0576

The Board Approves This Community Impact Statement Yea (x), Nay (x), Abstain (x) on August 19, 2021

Honorable City Council
Los Angeles City Hall
200 North Spring Street, Room 395
Los Angeles, CA 90012

RE: CF 21-0576 EL PUEBLO DE LOS ANGELES HISTORICAL MONUMENT / 1871 ANTI-CHINESE MASSACRE MEMORIAL.

Dear Honorable City Council members:

On August 19, 2021 in a Brown Act compliant meeting, Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council considered the following resolution re: Motion CF 21-0576 - El Pueblo de Los Angeles / proposed memorial commemorating the 1871 Anti-Chinese Massacre. The stakeholders and elected officials have come to the following conclusions listed below:

WHEREAS, On May 25, 2021, El Pueblo de Los Angeles submitted documents to the City of LA for consideration: *Report from El Pueblo de Los Angeles, dated May 17, 2021, relative to creating a memorial to the 1871 Anti- Chinese Massacre.*

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council approve of a memorial that acknowledges the victims of the **worst lynching in US history** that killed 19 innocent people. However, This memorial being proposed by El Pueblo, a city entity, is logistically and conceptually problematic.

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve of the city of LA dictating the parameters of a memorial proposed for an inaccurate site that rewrites history for the convenience of melding it into the El Pueblo Historic Park. It is the commodification of a tragedy. The actual site was the historic side alley called Calle de los Negros, which was later renamed and destroyed with the extension of Los Angeles St. and the construction of the 101 freeway. The lynchings also extended to four sites downtown (Now called DTLA).

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WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council do not approve the memorial if the residents of chinatown are not given a seat at the table. The Memorial should be 100% conceptualized and created by the Chinatown residents. The actual historic sites of the 16 lynchings and 3 men shot should be geographically accurate as far as memorial placement is concerned and not annexed solely to El Pueblo for the city's convenience.

WHEREAS, The elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council are aware that a small bronze plaque on the sidewalk already exists and it is not a suitable memorial to commemorate the worst lynching in US history that decimated 10% of the Chinese population of El Pueblo/ Old Chinatown in 1871.

WHEREAS, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council are aware that many prominent City LA historic political figures had a role in the lynching of the 19 innocent Chinese civilians. El Pueblo De Los Angeles is now an entity operated and managed by the City of LA as a park and events center. The People of Chinatown should ultimately decide the location of any proposed monument commemorating the Tragic event of 1871 that directly affected their community.

NOW, THEREFORE, The residents and their elected representatives of the Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council demand that the City of LA heed to any and all desires of the People of Chinatown. Specifically in regard to the proposed memorial and its execution. And more specifically, the city must stop the legacy of displacement in Chinatown by revising the CASP to halt the construction of market rate luxury high rises erasing and displacing the remaining low income Chinatown community members. Revising the land use policy would be a more fitting tribute to the people of Chinatown who have had to endure almost 200 years of violence inflicted on them by the City of LA at that exact spot which is now a tourist attraction co opted by the City of LA.

Sincerely,

Sara Clendening, President
Lincoln Heights Neighborhood Council

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May 17, 2021

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Honorable Mayor Garcetti and Members of the Los Angeles City Council:

El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument ("El Pueblo") oversees the historic and cultural heart of Los Angeles, the birthplace of the city and a premiere destination point for both residents and visitors. Centered around the city's original plaza, the district showcases the city's famed historical landmarks, monuments, memorials and sites which together reflect the diverse communities that contributed to the founding and growth of Los Angeles. In accordance with our mission statement, El Pueblo "promotes, safeguards, and preserves the City's birthplace, and culturally diverse heritage through the effective management of its commercial and historical resources and events."

Part of also preserving El Pueblo's cultural legacy is the reckoning and grappling with the traumatic histories that took place in and around the historic heart of the City and the communities that are to this day impacted by events that took place here. The 1871 Anti-Chinese Massacre and the violent murder of nineteen innocent lives continues to serve as a painful reminder of the history of racially-motivated hate crimes and the unjust targeting of Asian-Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI).

On Thursday, April 22, 2021, at the regularly scheduled meeting of the El Pueblo de Los Angeles Board of Commissioners ("Commission"), the Commission discussed the creation of a memorial related to the 1871 Anti-Chinese Massacre and the recommendations of the Mayor's Civic Memory Working Group's report titled "Past Due." Christopher Hawthorne, Chief Design Officer, Mayor's Office, former Los Angeles Councilmember Michael Woo, and Gay Yuen, President of the of the Friends of the Chinese American Museum, also provided their input on the importance of a future memorial. At this meeting, the Commission instructed

the El Pueblo Department to draft a motion to be considered at a future Commission meeting to support the creation of a monument or memorial to the 1871 Anti-Chinese Massacre and for it to be located at El Pueblo.

On Thursday, May 13, 2021, the Commission unanimously approved a motion to support the creation of the memorial related to the 1871 Anti-Chinese Massacre at El Pueblo. The Commission also instructed the Department to prepare and transmit a letter to the Mayor, City Council, and other related departments indicating the Commission's support of the memorial and urging the Mayor and City Council to immediately begin discussions with related City departments to bring the memorial to fruition.

As recently stated by Mayor Eric Garcetti in the Civic Memory Working Group's report, the 1871 massacre, "that bloody event, a stain on Los Angeles from 150 years ago, and our failure to commemorate its victims as fully as we might, is a reminder of the work still ahead of us." Both the staff of El Pueblo and the Commission are committed to the creation of a memorial or monument that respectfully honors the memory of the lost lives of 1871 and addresses the continued unjust targeting of AAPI communities. We are committed to working together with the City Council, Mayor's Office, related City Departments, as well as the Chinese American Museum and all community stakeholders and representatives.

Thank you for your continued support of El Pueblo.



Arturo Chavez
General Manager
El Pueblo de Los Angeles Historical Monument

cc: Danielle Brazell, General Manager, Department of Cultural Affairs (DCA)
Michael Shull, General Manager, Department of Recreation & Parks (RAP)



The bodies of Chinese men killed in the 1871 massacre lie in the Los Angeles jail yard.

(Los Angeles Public Library)

LOS ANGELES STREET, between Aliso and Arcadia streets and into plaza (3 on map)

Lynchings: (and 2 -3 shot):

1871:"Ah Cut" (1 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Ah Long" (2 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Ah Te" (3 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Ah Wha" (4 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Ah Won" (5 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Chang Linn" (Chee Long Tong) (6 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese.

1871: "Day Kee" (7 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Fong Won" (8 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Gene Tong" or "Chee Lung Tong" (9 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., doctor, Chinese.

1871:"Ho Hing" (10 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

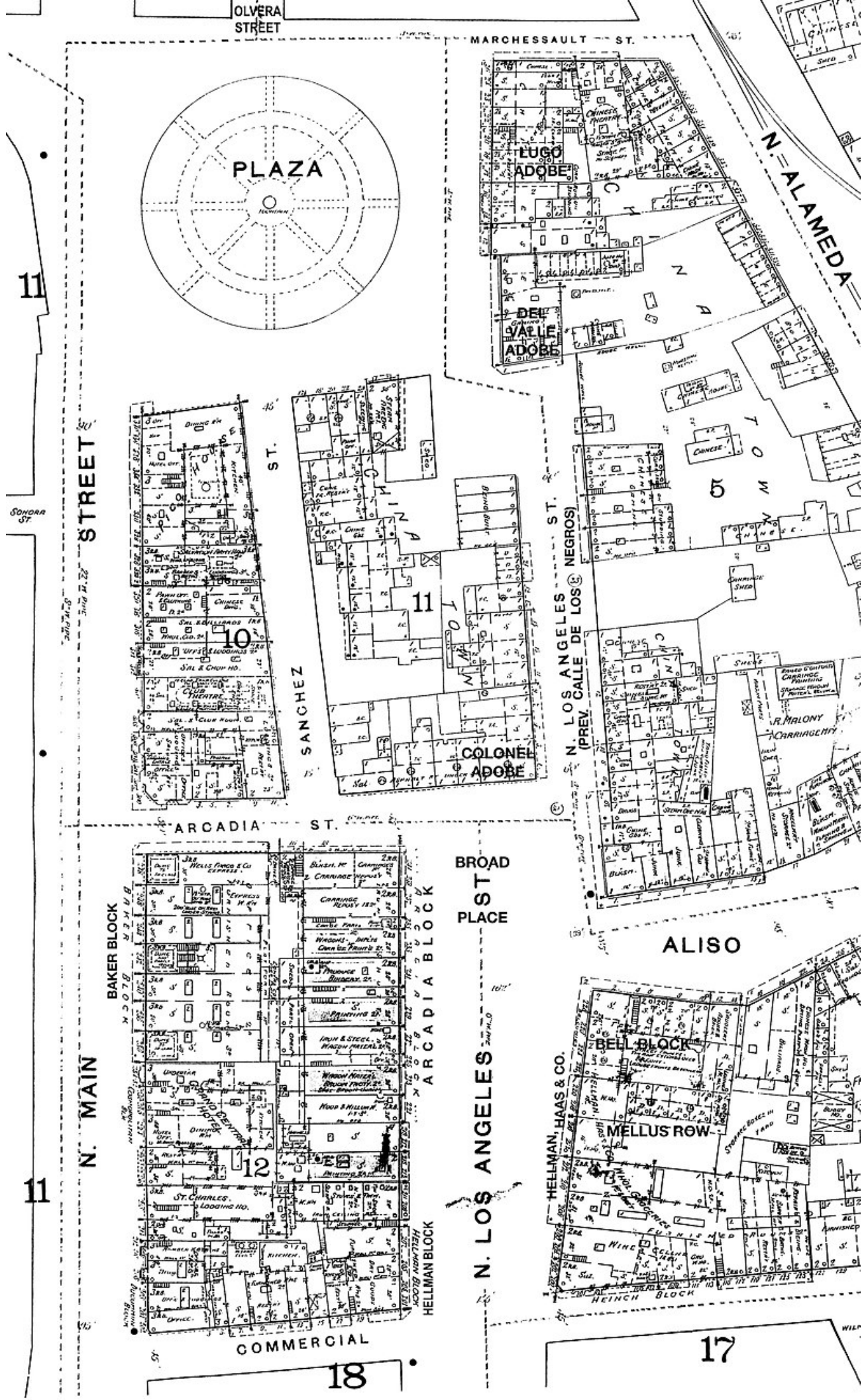
1871:"Leong Quai" (11 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Lo Hi" (12 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: Unidentified (13 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Wau Foo" (14 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.

1871: "Wong Chin" (15 of 15), Los Angeles, L.A. Co., Chinese Massacre, Chinese.



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LUGO ADOBE

DEL VALLE ADOBE

BROAD ST PLACE

ALISO

HELLMAN, HAAS & CO.

BELL BLOCK

MELLUS ROW

COMMERCIAL

N. LOS ANGELES

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