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Memo To: Board of Supervisors
From: Laura S. Gill, Chief Administrative Officer *Laura S. Gill*
Subject: Development of Agreement pertaining to Veterans Memorial Monument Agenda Item #37 for Board of Supervisors Meeting of August 28, 2007

I recommend that the Board of Supervisors take the following actions:

- Introduce the Ordinance establishing regulations for the use of the Veterans Memorial Monument, and
- Provide direction on the attached "Criteria for Military Honoraria and Civilian Recognition" document for adoption at the Board's September 11, 2007 meeting.

Background

On April 3, 2007, representatives of the Friends of the Veterans Monument, commanders of the County's veterans services organizations, and Veterans Commission met with County staff from the Chief Administrative Office, County Counsel, and Veterans Affairs to discuss the management of the Veterans Memorial Monument. This meeting resulted in two action items for the group to complete: a document outlining the regulations concerning the use of the monument, and a document that outlines the criteria governing the levels of distinction of honorable and distinguished service for the determination of the location of recognition at the monument.

At its April 10 meeting, I provided the Board of Supervisors with a status report concerning the progress of developing an agreement pertaining to the monument. Status reports were brought to the Board on May 22, June 26, and July 17.

Issues

On August 16, County Counsel and I met with representatives of the Friends of the Veterans Monument and commanders of the County's veterans services organizations to review the two documents. Peter Wolfe, the project architect, also attended the meeting. The two documents attached to this memo, an ordinance governing the use of the monument and the criteria for military honoraria and civilian recognition, are the products of this meeting.

The ordinance provides for use of the monument for two specific commemorative events on Memorial Day and Veterans Day to be hosted by the Friends of the Veterans Monument. The ordinance restricts the use of the monument so as to preserve it as a non-public forum.

The "Criteria for Military Honoraria and Civilian Recognition" document provides information regarding eligibility for and types of recognition through military honoraria at the monument plaza. The document provides for any issues concerning inclusion or location of honoraria to be directed to the Veterans Services Officer, who will convene the commanders of the County's national veterans service organizations to hear and settle the issue.

I remain available to answer any questions you may have concerning this agenda item.