



Monday, August 21, 2017

San Diego AIDS Memorial Task Force
202 "C" Street
San Diego, CA 92101

Re: San Diego AIDS Memorial & Olive Street Park (Bankers Hill)

Task Force Members,

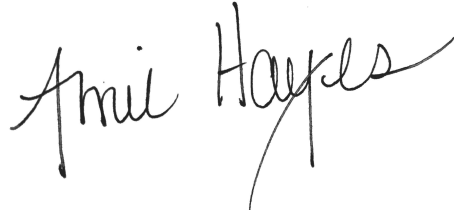
The Bankers Hill Community Group (BHCG) fully supports the effort to find an appropriate location for the San Diego AIDS Memorial. Particularly in San Diego, we feel this important memorial deserves a special place of remembrance for the many that have been lost to AIDS, similar to those in Golden Gate (San Francisco) and Lincoln (Los Angeles) parks. With the goal in mind to find a suitable and respectful location for San Diego's regional AIDS Memorial, the BHCG strongly believes this location is not Olive Street Park in Bankers Hill.

For a number of reasons, including the neighborhood's current parking deficit, no proposed restrooms or facilities, and the programming of a tot lot also proposed for this site, the BHCG strongly believes the AIDS Memorial warrants a more respectful and accessible location, where restrooms and parking are available, especially for those coming to see a regional monument. Further, this park site was originally comprised of a Craftsman house, and is too small for multiple programs and large gatherings of people.

The BHCG strongly encourages the Task Force Members to visit the Olive Street Park site to understand the size of the parcel and the larger concerns about this location for a San Diego regional AIDS Memorial. In addition, the BHCG would be happy to work with the Task Force to identify a respectful location for this important monument within Uptown, Balboa Park, or the larger San Diego region.

Once again, the Bankers Hill Community Group fully supports the effort to find an appropriate location for the San Diego AIDS Memorial.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Amie Hayes". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Amie Hayes
President
Bankers Hill Community Group

Cc: Councilmember Christopher Ward

Cc: Leo Wilson, Chair, Uptown Planners

Cc: Nancy Moors, Vice President, Bankers Hill Community Group