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The Highland Park War Veterans Memorial is a venerable public space for our entire community. First opened in the 1980's, the Memorial commemorated our fallen heroes that served our country. Featuring a giant flagpole, a fountain, and shady seating areas, the memorial has become a busy public plaza for local residents. Indeed, every Memorial Day, this plaza is the site for the sacred ceremony honoring our Northeast Los Angeles service men and women.

Today, the Memorial is ready for a face-lift. Over the last couple of years, local stakeholders have pro-actively provided maintenance and tender loving care to this special space, as well as providing information and assistance to the local homeless individuals that frequent the area.

It is now time for the City of Los Angeles to join these caring local stakeholders in bringing our veterans memorial up to par with other key public plazas. Our war veterans deserve it, Northeast Los Angeles deserves it, and our city deserves it.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to work with the Bureau of Street Services to transfer jurisdictional control of the Highland Park War Veterans Memorial from Street Services to Recreation and Parks.

I FURTHER MOVE that \$20,000 in the Council District 1 portion of the Street Furniture Revenue Fund No. 43D Dept. 50 be transferred / appropriated to the Recreation and Parks Fund No. 302, Department 89, Department Revenue Source 4155, Work Order SP89X935, Task 000, Sub-Task 000.

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