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MOTION

Section 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code provides that the City Council, the Cultural Heritage Commission, or the Director of Planning, may initiate consideration of a proposed site, building, or structure as a Historical-Cultural Monument. The Cultural Heritage Commission, after reviewing and investigating any such Council-imitated designation, shall approve or disapprove in whole or in part the proposed inclusion and submit a report upon such action to the Council.


Council District 4 is home to Griffith Park, a large municipal park at the eastern end of the Santa Monica Mountains in the Los Feliz neighborhood of Los Angeles. The park covers 4,510 acres of land, making it one of the largest urban parks in North America. In year 2009, Griffith Park became Historic-Cultural Monument Number 942. In the park is another place that deserves such recognition.

Dante's View, a terraced two-acre garden that includes picnic tables, benches, and an incredible view of the City of Angels. Dante's View on the Mount Hollywood Hiking Trail is named for the park lover, Dante Orgolini, who started the garden there in 1964.

It is imperative that the city's historic-cultural treasures be celebrated, and foremost, that its historic natural sites be preserved for future generations. Dante's View located in the heart of Griffith Park is a gem and a gift from late Dante Orgolini for his commitment to the park and for his care and maintenance of the park. The site at Dante's View is an integral part of Griffith Park and of the greater community and it merits recognition.

I THEREFORE MOVE that the Council initiate consideration of Dante's View, located on the Mount Hollywood Hiking Trail in Griffith Park, as a City Historic-Cultural Monument under the procedures of Sec. 22.171.10 of the Administrative Code, and instruct the Planning Department to prepare the Historic-Cultural Monument application for review and consideration by the Cultural Heritage Commission.

I FURTHER MOVE that after reviewing the application, the Cultural Heritage Commission submit its report and recommendations to the Council regarding the inclusion of the site at Dante's View in the City's list of Historic-Cultural Monuments.

PRESENTED BY 
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