

# M O T I O N

The City family just experienced the tragic loss of Park Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres.

For the people of Los Angeles, Captain Albert Torres was more than a Park Ranger, he was the epitome of what it means to be a public servant. Park Ranger Albert Torres went above and beyond the call of duty to ensure our parks and open spaces are safe and accessible to the people of Los Angeles. Even just recently he was working on the Saddle Ridge fires, doing what he loved and keeping us all safe.

Captain Torres also played a great role in the clean up of the Sepulveda Basin in order to preserve its natural beauty while at the same time making sure that services were provided for the homeless community. He was extremely knowledgeable about the Basin, its vegetation, the wildlife habitat, and he loved giving nature tours to the youth and community members.

Captain Torres was a phenomenal individual and a great Park Ranger who dedicated his life to serving the City of Angels; he was the the best example of a Park Ranger we could have. He was extremely loved by the Los Angeles communities he served, and especially in the San Fernando Valley. And he was respected and loved through all the levels of the Department of Recreation and Parks.

In light of the lifetime of service of Park Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres to the Department of Recreation and Parks to the San Fernando Valley and to the people and City of Los Angeles, it is appropriate that the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve be named in his memory.


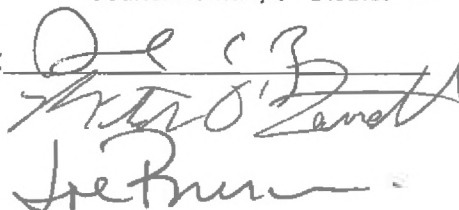
I THEREFORE MOVE that the Board of Recreation and Parks Commissioners be requested to name the Sepulveda Basin Wildlife Reserve in memory of Park Ranger Captain Albert E. Torres in recognition of his distinguished career of service to the Department of Recreation and Parks and to the people and City of Los Angeles.

I FURTHER MOVE that the Department of Recreation and Parks be directed to report with recommendations for the establishment of a youth park ranger program to create a possible pipeline for future rangers like Captain Torres.

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