



CITY OF MARTINEZ

**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA
September 7, 2011**

TO: Mayor and City Council
FROM: Mercy G. Cabral, Deputy City Clerk
SUBJECT: Support for Mural on Pedestrian Tunnel Connecting Franklin Canyon Road
DATE: August 23, 2011

RECOMMENDATION:

Request Council support for a mural on the wall of the pedestrian tunnel connecting Franklin Canyon Road to the East Bay Regional Park District trails and the John Muir National Historic Site.

BACKGROUND:

The National Park Service and students from New Leaf: A Sustainable Living Collaborative at Briones School and Vicente High School have been working on a collaborative project for the past two years to enhance and improve the aesthetics surrounding the tunnel area on Franklin Canyon Road.

As a condition to approving the installation of the mural on Caltrans facilities, Caltrans requires a resolution from the City Council that the City supports the project.

FISCAL IMPACT:

No fiscal impact.

ACTION:

Motion adopting a resolution supporting a mural to be painted on the tunnel connecting Franklin Canyon Road.

APPROVED BY:

City Manager

RESOLUTION NO. -11

SUPPORTING THE INSTALLATION OF A MURAL ALONG FRANKLIN CANYON ROAD ON THE WALL ADJACENT TO THE PEDESTRIAN TUNNEL CONNECTING FRANKLIN CANYON ROAD TO EAST BAY REGIONAL PARK DISTRICT TRAILS AND THE JOHN MUIR NATIONAL HISTORIC SITE

WHEREAS, the National Park Service (NPS) and the Martinez Unified School District have been working on a collaborative project for the past two years to enhance and improve the aesthetics surrounding the tunnel area on Franklin Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, the students from New Leaf: A Sustainable Living Collaborative at Briones School and Vicente High School in Martinez have raised in excess of \$6000 toward this project and will seek community input regarding the final design of the mural; and

WHEREAS, the inclusion of professionally created artwork with an environmental theme is desirable and has the potential to enliven and beautify the urban landscape of Franklin Canyon Road; and

WHEREAS, Franklin Canyon Road is within the jurisdictional boundaries of the City of Martinez (City) and any improvements would require the City's support; and

WHEREAS, the NPS has agreed to maintain the artwork, on a regular basis, at no cost to the City, for the next 10 years or the effective lifespan of the mural; and

WHEREAS, as a condition to approving the mural on California Department of Transportation (Caltrans) facilities, Caltrans requires a resolution from the City Council that the City supports the project.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Martinez City Council supports the installation of a mural along Franklin Canyon Road adjacent to the tunnel which connects Franklin Canyon to East Bay Regional Park District trails and John Muir National Historic Site; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED the NPS will ensure maintenance and upkeep of the mural; should the NPS fail in its duties, the City will assume full responsibility to maintain and remove the mural at the end of the proposed life expectancy.

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I HEREBY CERTIFY that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a resolution duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Martinez at a Regular Meeting of said Council held on the day of 7th day, 2011, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

RICHARD G. HERNANDEZ, CITY CLERK
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