



Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group

❖ ACTRWG Steering Committee

Getting our A.C.T. together... from Arroyo Seco to Eaton Canyon

2024 June 15

Dean Edwards, Ordinance Studies

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Sussy Nemer, Field Deputy for Supervisor Kathryn Barger, Fifth District

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Re: Project Number PRJ2022-002656-(5)

Support for designation of the Owen Brown Gravesite as a County Landmark.

Dear Mr. Edwards and Ms. Nemer,

Countless people of all ages and ethnicities have made the journey on one or more of Altadena's trails to the site of abolitionist Owen Brown's grave. According to historical records, as many of 2,000 people from around the then thinly-populated region made that trek to witness and honor Owen Brown's burial in January 1889. Public celebrations of his contributions continue at the site today, such as those convened by local groups including Altadena Heritage and the Owen Brown Gravesite Committee, on Martin Luther King's Birthday and other national holidays.

Our Altadena Crest Trail Restoration Working Group (ACTRWG) was established in 2003 by the Board of Supervisors to work with the community to reestablish the east/west trail system. As one of Altadena's most historically significant destinations, our group wholeheartedly supports the proposed designation of the Owen Brown Gravesite as a County Landmark.

As discussed, and agreed at our regular June 11 meeting, please enter ACTRWG's support into the record for the public hearing by the Los Angeles County Historical Landmarks and Records Commission, scheduled for July 26th.

Thank you,
Robert Staehle
Steve Messer

Chairpersons
Altadenatrails.org

cc:

Marietta Kruells/Los Angeles County Owen Brown Gravesite Committee

Michele Zack/Altadena Heritage

Attachment: Notice of Public Hearing

The Los Angeles County ("County") Historical Landmarks and Records Commission will conduct a public hearing to consider to adopt a resolution recommending that the Board of Supervisors find the project categorically exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, pursuant to Section 15331 of the State CEQA Guidelines (Historical Resource Restoration/Rehabilitation – Class 31) and designate the Owen Brown Gravesite, located at the northern terminus of El Prieto Road on APN 5863-003-004 in the unincorporated community of Altadena, as a County Landmark pursuant to Section 22.124 of the County Code.

Should you attend the hearing, you will have an opportunity to testify, or you may submit written comments to the contact below or at the public hearing. If the final decision on this proposal is challenged in court, testimony may be limited to issues raised before or at the public hearing.

Hearing Date and Time: Friday, July 26, 2024 at 9:30 a.m.

Location: The agenda with meeting location and case documents will be posted at hlrc.lacounty.gov 14 days prior to the hearing.

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Contact: Dean Edwards, Ordinance Studies, 320 W. Temple St., Los Angeles CA 90012, dedwards@planning.lacounty.gov

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