



## Monterey County Board of Supervisors

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### Board Order

#### Adopted Resolution No. 19-189

A motion was made by Supervisor Luis A. Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Mary L. Adams to:

- a. Consider request from the Native Sons of the Golden West (NSGW) to install a Commemorative Plaque on the East Wing of the East and West Wings building; and
- b. Provide Direction to Staff on actions to recognize Jo Mora for his design contributions to the East and West Wings building.

PASSED AND ADOPTED on this 21<sup>st</sup> day of May 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Adams, Lopez, Parker and Phillips

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof of Minute Book 82 for the meeting May 21, 2019.

Dated: May 24, 2019  
Legistar File ID No. 19-0339  
Agenda Item No. 41

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors  
County of Monterey, State of California

Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board

**Before the Board of Supervisors in and for the  
County of Monterey, State of California**

**Resolution No. 19-189**

- Resolution by the Monterey County Board of Supervisors to: )
- a. Approve the installation of a Commemorative Plaque on the East- )  
West Wing building
- b. Adopt a resolution recognizing Jo Mora for his design )  
contributions to the East-West Wing building;

**WHEREAS**, the Resource Management Agency received a request from the Native Sons of the Golden West (NSGW) to place a NSGW historical landmark plaque at the East West Wing Building (former Monterey County Courthouse); and

**WHEREAS**, The Native Sons of the Golden West (NSGW) is a fraternal organization established 1875 to preserve the History of California; and

**WHEREAS**, the NSGW plaque will recognize the architectural and historical significance of the building and its importance to Monterey County and California history as well as recognize architect Robert Stanton and the design contributions of artist Joseph “Jo” Mora.;

**WHEREAS**, Architect Robert Stanton (1900-1983) designed this former courthouse building in 1937 as part of President Franklin D. Roosevelt’s Works Progress Administration (WPA) program; and

**WHEREAS**, WPA buildings required an artistic component and Stanton brought in his friend and colleague artist Joseph Jacinto “Jo” Mora (1876-1947) to provide his artistic talents; and

**WHEREAS**, Mora incorporated Monterey County history by inserting decorative elements within Stanton’s Modern Style building design: and

**WHEREAS**, these decorative elements include bas-reliefs of five eras of local history from the local Native Americans to popular recreation at the time – sculpted and cast busts of archetypal and actual historic persons, and four different bronze plaques on the doors featuring aspects of local commerce and culture; and

**WHEREAS**, on January 8, 2009 the building was added to the National Register of Historic Places; and

**WHEREAS**, in 2018, the building was renovated to include the Monterey County District Attorney and Civil Grand Jury offices, the County Law Library, and Jo’s Café, named in honor of the renowned artist Jo Mora.

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Monterey County Board of Supervisors hereby resolves to approve the following:

- c. Approve the installation of a Commemorative Plaque on the East-West Wing building
- a. Adopt a resolution recognizing Jo Mora for his design contributions to the East-West Wing building;

**PASSED AND ADOPTED** upon motion of Supervisor Alejo, seconded by Supervisor Adams and carried this 21st day of May 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES: Supervisors Alejo, Adams, Lopez, Phillips and Alejo

NOES: None

ABSENT: None

I, Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Monterey, State of California, hereby certify that the foregoing is a true copy of an original order of said Board of Supervisors duly made and entered in the minutes thereof Minute Book 82 for the meeting on May 21, 2019.

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