

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

Resolution No. _____

- 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 _____, seconded by Supervisor _____ and carried this ----th day of May 2019, by the following vote, to wit:

AYES:
NOES:
ABSENT:

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 ___ for the meeting on May --, 2019.

Dated: Valerie Ralph, Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
File Number: County of Monterey, State of California

By _____

Deputy