

SUBMITTAL TO THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS  
COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE, STATE OF CALIFORNIA



ITEM  
3.7  
(ID # 7668)

**MEETING DATE:**

Tuesday, July 31, 2018

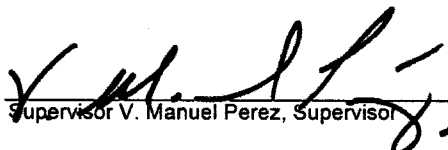
**FROM :** SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ:

**SUBJECT:** SUPERVISOR V. MANUEL PEREZ: Support of Assembly Bill 2439 (E. Garcia):  
Official state LGBTQ Veterans Memorial, as currently drafted.

**RECOMMENDED MOTION:** That the Board of Supervisors:

1. Supports Assembly Bill 2439 which, as currently drafted, proposes to designate the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial at Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City as the official state LGBTQ veterans memorial honoring our LGBTQ veterans for their military service to the nation;
2. Authorizes the chairman of the Board to forward a letter of support to the bill's author, the Riverside County state legislative delegation and our Sacramento advocates;
3. Designates this same memorial as Riverside County's official memorial honoring the LGBTQ veterans who have served with honor and distinction in the Armed Forces of the United States.

**ACTION:** Policy

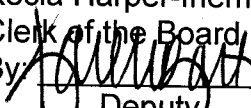
  
Supervisor V. Manuel Perez, Supervisor 7/24/2018

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**MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

On motion of Supervisor Washington, seconded by Supervisor Jeffries and duly carried, IT WAS ORDERED that the above matter is approved as amended to send the letter directly to the Governor.

Ayes: Jeffries, Tavaglione, Washington and Perez  
Nays: None  
Absent: Ashley  
Date: July 31, 2018  
xc: Supvr. Perez, EO, State Reps.

Kecia Harper-Ihem  
Clerk of the Board  
By:   
Deputy

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STATE OF CALIFORNIA**

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2001, AMVETS Post 66, in partnership with the Palm Springs Cemetery District, dedicated the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial at Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City. The monument was the first memorial in the U.S. in honor of lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer or questioning veterans.

Over the years, commendations honoring the memorial have been received from Presidents Ford, Clinton, Bush and Obama, as well as California Governors Davis, Schwarzenegger and Brown.

Assembly Bill (AB) 2439, introduced by Assemblymember Eduardo Garcia, will establish the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial as the official LGBTQ Veterans Memorial of California. California would become the first state in the nation to recognize an LGBTQ veterans memorial.

Elevating this local memorial site to an official state-level landmark will honor our brave LGBTQ veterans. It will also be an honor for the host city, Cathedral City, and Riverside County.

Sponsored by the City of Cathedral City, AB 2439 has received support from respected veterans organizations such as the National Guard Association of California, Vietnam Veterans of America-California State Council, AMVETS- Department of California, American Legion- Department of California and the Military Officers Association of America- California State Council and the California Association of County Veterans Service Officers.

To date, AB 2439 has been met with unanimous, bipartisan aye votes in both chambers of the legislature, where it awaits a final vote in the Assembly (in concurrence of amendments) for passage in order for the measure to be considered by the Governor.

This memorial is important to LGBTQ veterans, who deserve to be recognized for their bravery, contributions and sacrifices. Support for AB 2439 will ensure that all veterans of the Armed Forces who served honorably are recognized for their service above self.

**ATTACHMENT:** Text of Assembly Bill 2439, amended June 26, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE JUNE 26, 2018

AMENDED IN SENATE MAY 14, 2018

CALIFORNIA LEGISLATURE—2017–18 REGULAR SESSION

**ASSEMBLY BILL**

**No. 2439**

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**Introduced by Assembly Member Eduardo Garcia**  
**(Coauthors: Assembly Members Aguiar-Curry, Bloom, Cervantes,**  
**Chiu, Eggman, Mayes, and Voepel)**  
**(Coauthor: Senator Wiener)**

February 14, 2018

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An act to add Section 429.4 to the Government Code, relating to state memorials.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 2439, as amended, Eduardo Garcia. Official state ~~LGBT~~ *LGBTQ* Veterans Memorial.

Existing law ~~establishes the state flag and the state's emblems, recognizes certain animals, plants, towns, museums, and memorials as official state emblems, including, among other things, others,~~ the California Vietnam Veterans Memorial as the official state Vietnam veterans war ~~memorial~~ *memorial* and the California State Military Museum and Resource Center as the official state military museum.

This bill would ~~establish~~ *recognize* the ~~LGBT~~ *LGBTQ* Veterans Memorial at the Desert Memorial Park in Cathedral City as the official state ~~LGBT~~ *LGBTQ* veterans memorial.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: no.  
State-mandated local program: no.

*The people of the State of California do enact as follows:*

1     *SECTION 1. The Legislature finds and declares that while this*  
2 *act recognizes the LGBTQ Veterans Memorial at the Desert*  
3 *Memorial Park in Cathedral City as the state's official LGBTQ*  
4 *veterans memorial, the memorial and the ground around it will*  
5 *continue to be maintained by the Desert Memorial Park in*  
6 *Cathedral City.*

7     ~~SECTION 1.~~

8     *SEC. 2. Section 429.4 is added to the Government Code, to*  
9 *read:*

10     429.4. ~~The LGBT~~ *LGBTQ Veterans Memorial at the Desert*  
11 *Memorial Park in Cathedral City is the official state-LGBT LGBTQ*  
12 *veterans memorial.*

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**Riverside County Board of Supervisors  
Request to Speak**

Submit request to Clerk of Board (right of podium),  
Speakers are entitled to three (3) minutes, subject  
Board Rules listed on the reverse side of this form.

**SPEAKER'S NAME:** TOM SWANN HERNANDEZ  
+ ESCORT ROBERT MUELLER

**Address:** 151 LINCOLN DOWNS ST  
(only if follow-up mail response requested)

**City:** RAUCHO MIRAGE **zip:** 92270

**Phone #:** 760-324-5670

**Date:** 7/31 **Agenda #** 3.7  
AB 2439

**PLEASE STATE YOUR POSITION BELOW:**

**Position on "Regular" (non-appealed) Agenda Item:**

       **Support**             **Oppose**             **Neutral**

**Note:** If you are here for an agenda item that is filed  
for "Appeal", please state separately your position on  
the appeal below:

       **Support**             **Oppose**             **Neutral**

**I give my 3 minutes to:** \_\_\_\_\_

## **BOARD RULES**

### **Requests to Address Board on "Agenda" Items:**

You may request to be heard on a published agenda item. Requests to be heard must be submitted to the Clerk of the Board before the scheduled meeting time.

### **Requests to Address Board on items that are "NOT" on the Agenda:**

Notwithstanding any other provisions of these rules, member of the public shall have the right to address the Board during the mid-morning "Oral Communications" segment of the published agenda. Said purpose for address must pertain to issues which are under the direct jurisdiction of the Board of Supervisors. **YOUR TIME WILL BE LIMITED TO THREE (3) MINUTES.**

### **Power Point Presentations/Printed Material:**

Speakers who intend to conduct a formalized Power Point presentation or provide printed material must notify the Clerk of the Board's Office by 12 noon on the Monday preceding the Tuesday Board meeting, insuring that the Clerk's Office has sufficient copies of all printed materials and at least one (1) copy of the Power Point CD. Copies of printed material given to the Clerk (by Monday noon deadline) will be provided to each Supervisor. If you have the need to use the overhead "Elmo" projector at the Board meeting, please insure your material is clear and with proper contrast, notifying the Clerk well ahead of the meeting, of your intent to use the Elmo.

### **Individual Speaker Limits:**

**Individual speakers are limited to a maximum of three (3) minutes.** Please step up to the podium when the Chairman calls your name and begin speaking immediately. Pull the microphone to your mouth so that the Board, audience, and audio recording system hear you clearly. Once you start speaking, the "green" podium light will light. The "yellow" light will come on when you have one (1) minute remaining. When you have 30 seconds remaining, the "yellow" light will begin flash, indicating you must quickly wrap up your comments. Your time is up when the "red" light flashes. The Chairman adheres to a strict three (3) minutes per speaker. ***Note: If you intend to give your time to a "Group/Organized Presentation", please state so clearly at the very bottom of the reverse side of this form.***

### **Group/Organized Presentations:**

Group/organized presentations with more than one (1) speaker will be limited to nine (9) minutes at the Chairman's discretion. The organizer of the presentation will automatically receive the first three (3) minutes, with the remaining six (6) minutes relinquished by other speakers, as requested by them on a completed "Request to Speak" form, and clearly indicated at the front bottom of the form.

### **Addressing the Board & Acknowledgement by Chairman:**

The Chairman will determine what order the speakers will address the Board, and will call on all speakers in pairs. The first speaker should immediately step to the podium and begin addressing the Board. The second speaker should take up a position in one of the chamber aisles in order to quickly step up to the podium after the preceding speaker. This is to afford an efficient and timely Board meeting, giving all attendees the opportunity to make their case. Speakers are prohibited from making personal attacks, and/or using coarse, crude, profane or vulgar language while speaking to the Board members, staff, the general public and/or meeting participants. Such behavior, at the discretion of the Board Chairman may result in removal from the Board Chambers by Sheriff Deputies.