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Fwd: G.A.R. Memorial in LA City Hall Park Center

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From: **William Harrington** [REDACTED]>

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Subject: G.A.R. Memorial in LA City Hall Park Center

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Commander,

Today, I drove to City Hall Park Center, to see for myself the state of the memorial to Overton H. Mennet, CnC of the G.A.R.. The monument and tree were gifts from Stanton Post 16, W.R.C..



View from 1st & Spring Streets

The park is located at 200 N Spring St. Los Angeles, CA, 90012. The listed phone number is: (213) 485-4833. It is located in the 9th Council District



Reverse angle from City Hall

The monument, originally a redwood tree and plaque (just a plaque now) is located in the south / west corner of the park



LAFD Cenotaph

It is next to the LAFD Cenotaph.



Plaque and (remains of) Redwood Tree

The tree was cut down sometime in 2024. "Why?" is unknown. There was a stump there for the last 2 years.



The plaque show signs of having been run over by heavy machinery

The plaque itself appears to be in good condition, although scratched. The upper left corner of the cement foundation has been broken off.



*The plaque is located at **34.05299° N, 118.24407° W***

Dedicated in 1938 to the fast dwindling ranks of the G.A.R. by Stanton Post 16, W.R.C., the redwood was meant to be a "living memorial". It was accepted by Dr. Overton H Mennet - then Commander-in-Chief of the Grand Army of the Republic.

The then Governor of California, Frank Merriam, said in his dedication address, "It is especially fitting that a tree, almost immortal because of it's long life should be chosen to honor our Civil War veterans".



*Remains of the redwood tree is located at: **34.05299° N, 118.24407° W***

There are a number of issues we have found with this tree's removal.

1. The tree was a public-lans memorial tree located at city hall
2. It was a redwood, which is explicitly protected under Penal Code §384a.
3. It was felled and later chipped.

Therefore, it is our contention that, if no public permit was issued, and no emergency hazard declaration was made, then its removal would violate both state law and city municipal code.

However, it should be stated, that the resolution we seek to the situation is not punitive, but rather restorative. We believe we should be able to plant another tree (perhaps not a redwood) in the spot where the previous one stood.

I wish to thank Brother James Lybolt for his assistance in putting together this report.

Yours in Fraternity, Charity, and Loyalty,

William C. Harrington
Commander,
Gen. W. S. Rosecrans Camp 2

