



## *League of United Latin American Citizens*

### **RESOLUTION SUPPORTING CALIFORNIA VETERANS CEMETERY IN IRVINE**

**WHEREAS**, 88 years ago, the founders of the League of Latin American Citizens, (LULAC) joined together to establish an organization that would become the largest, oldest and most successful Hispanic civil rights and service organization in the United States; and

**WHEREAS**, The Orange County Veterans Memorial Park Foundation (OCVMP) was formed as a 501 (c-3) non-profit organization to facilitate the development of a veterans' cemetery in the city of Irvine in Orange County.

**WHEREAS**, Assembly Bill 1453 was introduced in the California State Legislature by its author Assemblywoman Sharon Quirk Silva in January 2014 - proposing to establish noted cemetery in Orange County.

**WHEREAS**, California Governor Jerry Brown signed AB 1453 on September 23, 2014, with this legislation effective January 1, 2015.

**WHEREAS**, The Irvine City Council adopted Resolution 14-92 on July 22, 2014, to make available 125 acres of city-owned property (ARDA site) for a veterans cemetery.

**WHEREAS**, OCVMP requested of the City of Irvine on March 15, 2016 to consider a land swap of like-acreage known as Heritage Fields owned by Five Point Communities - adjacent to the Interstate 5 between Bakke Parkway and Alton Parkway.

**WHEREAS**, The City of Irvine declined taking any action to move forward with the land swap on April 12, 2016. Recently on April 4, 2017 determined to work OCVMP veterans to review the land swap for the best approach to implement the building of the veteran's cemetery as expeditiously as possible.

**WHEREAS**, Santa Ana LULAC #147 has taken a strong leadership role in the cemetery undertaking from its initial formation and continues to provide the initiative to complete the project.

**BE IT RESOLVED**, That Orange County LULAC District #1 (through the work of Santa Ana LULAC #147) support the proposal by Five Point Communities / Heritage Fields El Toro LLC to finalize the approval of a simple process of a land swap for the veterans cemetery to be developed at Heritage Fields, a site within the former Marine Corps Air Station at El Toro (now City of Irvine).

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED**; With this support by LULAC and adoption by the Irvine City Council, it is understood, there will be a savings of over \$38 Million to taxpayers which was allocated for the clean-up of the original ARDA site.

Voted & approved by the National Assembly of the 2017 LULAC National Convention on July 8, 2017.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Roger C. Rocha, Jr." The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Roger C. Rocha, Jr.  
LULAC National President