



**CITY OF SALINAS
PUBLIC ART COMMISSION**

DATE: MAY 5, 2025
DEPARTMENT: LIBRARY & COMMUNITY SERVICES
FROM: KRISTAN LUNDQUIST, DIRECTOR
TITLE: ACCEPTANCE OF SPC RICARDO CERROS JR. BUST STATUE
TO BE INSTALLED AT THE CENTRAL PARK MEMORIAL ROSE
GARDEN

RECOMMENDED MOTION:

Accept the SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr. bust statue and recommend to the City Council that it be added to the Municipal Art Collection.

BACKGROUND:

On October 8th, 2011 SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr. was selflessly providing aid to a wounded Ranger in a very vulnerable location when an enemy grenade came in his direction and rolled by his feet. He made the split-second decision to shield his wounded Ranger nearby, taking the full blast of the grenade. Where many others would have saved themselves, Ricardo remained steadfast and with his last action saved the life of another. For his actions, he was awarded the second highest honor, The Silver Star.

SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr. was a Salinas native, who graduated from Everett Alvarez High School. His friend and Ranger Brother, Shawn Patterson worked with Legacies Alive, a non-profit organization that supports Gold Star families and honors the nation's fallen heroes, to have a bust statue of SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr. created. Staff received a request to have the bust statue installed at the Central Park Memorial Rose Garden. Staff will work with the local organizer to determine appropriate location and installation method.

Consistent with the City of Salinas Art in Public Places Policies and Procedures Manual dated May 16, 2017, accessioned artworks shall be of distinctive artistic merit and aesthetic quality and will enhance the diversity of the Municipal Art Fund.

CEQA CONSIDERATION:

Not a Project. The City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378).

STRATEGIC PLAN INITIATIVE:

This action supports the City Council goal of Investment Strategies/Risk Management.

DEPARTMENTAL COORDINATION:

The Library & Community Services Department has worked with the City Manager's office on this donation.

FISCAL AND SUSTAINABILITY IMPACT:

Following the donation of the SPC Ricardo Cerros Jr. bust statue, the city will coordinate installation at the Central Park Memorial Rose Garden.

ATTACHMENTS:

Picture of bust statue

