



COUNTY OF INYO

PLAQUE PLACEMENT AND NAMING OF COUNTY FACILITIES POLICY

PURPOSE

The purpose of this policy is to set the criteria for evaluating requests to name or place plaques on County facilities/buildings.

IMPLEMENTATION

SECTION I: INFORMATION NEEDED IN REQUEST

All requests to the Board of Supervisors for naming or placing commemorative plaques on or by County facilities/buildings must include:

1. Reason(s) for request.
2. Description of circumstances surrounding the request.
3. Brief profile of the nominee.
4. A minimum of three written endorsements in support of the request.
5. The location of the facility proposed for naming or placement of a commemorative plaque.
6. A commitment from the applicant that they will cover all the costs resulting from the request.

SECTION II: CRITERIA FOR EVALUATING REQUEST

In evaluating the request the County will give consideration and recognition to individuals / organizations, which have:

1. Demonstrated social and moral responsibility and exemplary actions that inspire others.
2. Made significant contributions of time, talent and/or financial support to an important part of the County's, State's and/or Country's history.
3. Had major historical significance.



SECTION III: CRITERIA FOR DENYING REQUEST

The County will deny any request that:

1. Carries as a condition the brand name, corporate name or family name of a fire arm, alcohol or tobacco product; or is capable of confusion with a trade mark, copyright, brand name or existing landmark, without proper consent of the lawful owners of same;
2. Are deemed to be in poor taste; and
3. That does not meet the conditions expressed under Section II.

In addition for requests to name a County facility/building only, no:

1. County facility/building shall be named after a private individual unless that individual contributed a majority of the funding that was used to construct the facility or acquire the land upon which the building is situated; and
2. County facility/building shall be named for a public officer while the official remains in public office.

SECTION IV: PROCESS FOR PLACEMENT OF REQUEST ON BOARD OF SUPERVISORS AGENDA

In order to initiate the process for naming or placing a commemorative plaque on a County facility/building:

1. An applicant needs to submit a letter to the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors that explains the request by answering the questions in Section I and asked to be placed on the Board's Agenda. The letter should include the address and phone number of where the applicant can be reached; and
2. Upon receiving the letter the Clerk to the Board of Supervisors will schedule the request on the Board of Supervisors Agenda within six (6) weeks and contact the applicant with the time and date.

SECTION V: APPROVAL BY THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

1. All requests will be placed on the Board of Supervisors Agenda for approval per section IV.
2. Staff will provide a recommendation to the Board on any request.



3. Any request for naming and/or placing a commemorative plaque on a County facility/building will require a 4/5's vote approval by the Board of Supervisors.
4. Generally, a facility shall not be named after a public official or private individual unless that person is deceased. A decision to name a facility after a public official or private individual when not deceased shall require a unanimous vote of approval by the Board of Supervisors.

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