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January 5, 1959

Recd at
Cemetery
Feb. 2, 1959
Hopl. Jones

Holding in Storage
1956-57-58.

Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles

Gentlemen:

Subject: Authorization for burial of all unclaimed cremated remains now held at the Los Angeles County Crematory where cremation occurred prior to January 1, 1956.

Recommendation: That such request be authorized by your Honorable Board.

Each year for more than ten years, this Department has requested and your Honorable Board has authorized the burial of all unclaimed cremated remains held at the County Crematory for three years.

Historically, the site purchased by the County consisted of an already established Cemetery operated by a Chinese organization, but was no longer usable because burial plots were completely occupied. The County erected a crematory, and has since disposed of deceased indigent persons, for whom no other means of disposal are available, by cremation. The cremated remains are retained in separate containers, and individual records of names, dates, etc., are kept in strict accordance with local and State regulations. The

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storage of the remains became a problem after several years because of limited space in the facility. This matter was discussed with the County Counsel's office, their advice being that mass burial of all unclaimed cremated remains held at the crematory for a period of at least three years could be approved by the Board of Supervisors. This has been a very satisfactory solution to the storage problem which continues to exist.

We therefore respectfully request your Honorable Board approve and authorize the burial of all unclaimed cremated remains now held at the County Cemetery where cremation occurred prior to January 1, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

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