

COUNCIL MEETING DATE:

Monday, June 19, 2017

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PREPARATION**

**Item 6-1 Update on Claim filed by Albany Lions Club
regarding Albany Hill Cross**

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Please return to Eileen Harrington, Administration

Eileen Harrington

From: Tanya Baccarat <tbaccarat.cpc@gmail.com>
Sent: Wednesday, June 14, 2017 6:15 PM
To: citycouncil
Subject: Albany Hill Cross Idea

Dear City Council Members,

I just heard about the cross issue today and felt concerned for both sides of the issue. I grew up over there and feel a connection. I'm not terribly informed about it, but did read something about it from a December 2016 online article. Maybe someone has already suggested this, but I have an idea.

If the Albany Lions Club stands firm about not removing the cross, what about erecting a monument next to it with an engraving that communicates what it means to them?

For example, "We are all One" or "We are all brothers and sisters, no exception"...something along those lines. That would be a beautiful way to connect something positive to the cross for those who have a hard time with its symbolism, and also to represent what it stood for in the first place.

Or, if it is a fire hazard and has to come down, what about suggesting a monument to replace it? One that has a cross and, perhaps, as we have here in a park in Petaluma, a monument that depicts a peaceful message in the symbols and language of many religions?

My guess is the Albany Lions are feeling discriminated against in their own town and they need to be given some room, too.

Tanya