

DAVIS CEMETERY DISTRICT

Δ Designated Arboretum
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April 23, 2024

Supervisor Jim Provenza
District 4
Yolo County Board of Supervisors

Dear Supervisor Provenza,

The Davis Cemetery District has entered the construction phase of the permanent COVID-19 memorial and is pleased to inform you we have identified our art installation team which will be led by Davis local, Wes Horn. Wes specializes in large-scale public art and functional installations. His work can be found seamlessly and permanently incorporated into spaces such as the children's section of the Yolo County Library, sculptures throughout Downtown Davis, Benche's created for Yolo Hospice, and several pieces throughout the UC Davis Arboretum. The district made the decision to select an art team rather than an individual to ensure diversity in artistic influences and COVID expression.

While much of the construction labor has been donated by Trustee Souza, district staff, and the Davis Fire Department, we have determined the need to increase the art budget. The original 2022 art installation budget was \$16,000. However, extreme inflation rates and the need to adequately compensate the artists brought this portion of the budget to \$50,550. After donations from Trustees Kellison, Souza, and the district we have been able to reduce the shortfall to \$18,550 and have begun fundraising efforts. We would like to ask your office for an additional \$5,000, bringing your total contribution to \$10,000.

Archway design is underway, and the COVID-19 memorial is on track to open September 21, 2024.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



Jessica Smithers
District Superintendent
Davis Cemetery District

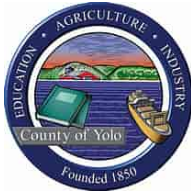


COVID-19 MEMORIAL INSTALLATION

The Davis Cemetery District is installing a permanent COVID-19 memorial at 820 Pole Line Road. This memorial will feature a walking path, art installations, seating/reflection space, and informational signage.

Visitors will walk along a path where they will walk under four archways, each artistically designed. The pillars will feature mosaic art while the archways will be painted murals. The build out of this memorial has been funded by the cemetery as well as the community sponsors below.

The lead artist for this project is Wesley Horn who will coordinate four artists and members of the community. This portion of the project has been funded by the Davis Cemetery, Souza Family, and Kellison Family but we are looking for additional community sponsors.



REMEMBRANCE

This memorial will provide a space for community members to remember those we lost and how the pandemic has impacted them personally.

HONOR & ACKNOWLEDGE

A space to honor our first responders, essential workers, small businesses, caregivers, families, and friends while acknowledging those who have been disproportionately impacted.

RESILIENCY & STRENGTH

Recognizing our community's ability to withstand adversity and recover from the pandemic.

Sponsorship Opportunities

ART CHAMPION

\$2,500 +

- Logo/name on website and marketing materials.
- Speaking invitation during memorial dedication.
- Recognition throughout social media campaign.
- Sponsorship plaque at the reflection patio.

ART PARTNER

\$1,000 - \$2,499

- Logo/name on website and marketing materials.
- Recognition throughout social media campaign.
- Sponsorship plaque within memorial.

ART SPONSOR

\$50 - \$999

- Logo/name on website and marketing materials.
- Sponsorship recognition within memorial.

Checks can be made payable to: Davis Cemetery District
 Mailing Address: 820 Pole Line Road Davis, CA 95618
 Donations are tax deductible (Tax ID #472353081)

For more information about this project or to volunteer, please email Jess Smithers at jess@daviscemetery.org