

## Resolution of Council

**11 March 2019**

### Item 13.2

#### Proposed AIDS Memorial – Green Park

Moved by Councillor Scully, seconded by the Chair (the Lord Mayor) -

It is resolved that Council:

- (A) note that:
  - (i) during the AIDS pandemic of the 1980s and 1990s, and in the period since, millions of lives were lost in Australia and around the world from HIV related illnesses. This devastation was acutely felt in Sydney, and particularly within the inner city communities where many people grieved for the loss of partners, friends and family members;
  - (ii) the Darlo Darlings Community Group have established a community campaign which proposes an AIDS memorial in Green Park, Darlinghurst to honour those who lost their lives during the AIDS crisis, and to provide the community a dedicated place of remembrance. The campaign has received wide community support; and
  - (iii) the proposed location at Green Park close to St Vincent’s Hospital where many people with HIV and AIDS were cared for, is of special significance, as it was a place where many sought comfort and reflection during difficult times;
- (B) note and receive the petition of 1,332 citizens requesting that Council support an AIDS Memorial and place of remembrance in Green Park, Darlinghurst as proposed in the petition and supporting documents; and
- (C) request that the Chief Executive Officer investigate this proposal.

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Note – the motion above was not carried. The resolution below, as varied by consent, was carried –

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(D) request that the Chief Executive Officer provide Councillors with a list of external organisations and community members whose opinion and advice will be sought to investigate this proposed memorial, with the opportunity for Councillors to suggest additional stakeholders if necessary.

The motion, as varied by consent, was carried unanimously.

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