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County Bureaucracy Crushes Civil War Re-Enactment

San Bernardino – CA, Wednesday, Supervisor Curt Hagman expressed his extreme disappointment in the cancellation of the Annual Civil War Re-Enactment held at Prado Regional Park in the Fourth District.

Supervisor Hagman responded to inquiries regarding the cancelled event, saying, “After months of ongoing discussions, I am disappointed that the County was not able to come to a resolution regarding a long standing non-profit community event. It is shameful that government bureaucrats have played a role in ending this historic gathering.”

A non-profit organization, the Southern California Civil War Association (SCCWA), has traditionally held the re-enactment at Prado Regional Park. The park is operated by the county and provides a variety of events and recreational activities on an annual basis. Each year, the SSCWA applies for a permit to hold the re-enactment featuring “infantry, mounted cavalry and full scale artillery demonstrations so that residents can come and see what life was like for a civil war soldier of the blue and gray during the mid-1860’s” (description from flyer).

This year the event was cancelled due to a frigid bureaucracy unwilling to work with non-profits – in this case, a non-profit that provides a valuable educational opportunity for the community. Hagman stated, “This is an immense loss to the overall community, and I am saddened to say that the County has forgotten that it is here to serve the public. I am not at ease about the outcome and the battle isn’t over – my colleagues on the board will hear about this matter and I hope that we can take the appropriate actions necessary to rectify an egregious wrong.”

Supervisor Curt Hagman has represented the Fourth Supervisorial District since December, 2014. Prior to his election as County Supervisor, Curt Hagman served as a State Assemblyman for three terms. He is married to Grace and has two children, Jonathan and Elizabeth. In addition to his public service, Curt is also a small business owner and a member of the California State Military Reserve.

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