

THE PRESIDIO TRUST **COMMEMORATIVE WORKS POLICY**

To be permanently commemorated in a national park is a high honor, affording a degree of recognition that implies national importance. At the same time, the excessive or inappropriate use of Commemorative Works – especially commemorative naming – diminishes its value as a tool for recognizing people or events that are truly noteworthy. It can also divert attention from the important resources and values that park visitors need to learn about. For the purpose of this Policy, the term “Commemorative Work” means any statue, monument, sculpture, memorial, plaque or building or other structure or landscape feature, including a field, court, trail, courtyard, garden, memorial grove, overlook, gate, wall, fence, bridge, walkway, or plaza or features within the interior of buildings, designed to perpetuate in a permanent manner the memory of a person, group, event or other significant element of history. It also includes the naming of park programs.

Therefore, the Presidio Trust will restrict the use and proliferation of Commemorative Works except when:

- Congress has specifically authorized such commemoration; or
- The Presidio Trust Board of Directors finds that a compelling justification exists for the recognition, and that the Commemorative Work is the best way to express the association between the park and the person, group, event or other subject being commemorated; and
- The association between the park and the person, group or event is of exceptional national importance.

In general, sites or structures that have historic names will not be changed, and commemorative naming will be limited to new buildings, structures, features and programs. All donor recognition must be consistent with the Presidio Trust Philanthropic Recognition Policy.

Approval of Commemorative Works

Before being approved by the Presidio Trust Board of Directors, all proposed Commemorative Works will be reviewed under applicable environmental and historic preservation compliance processes to identify any significant environmental impacts or adverse effects on the Presidio National Historic Landmark District. The outcome of this review will be forwarded along with a recommendation from the Executive Director to the Presidio Trust Board of Directors for approval.