



Legislation Text

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TO:
Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council

THROUGH:
Bruce Moe, City Manager

FROM:
Alexandria Latragna, Management Analyst

SUBJECT:
Consider Request by Councilmember Hersman and Councilmember Stern to Discuss the History of Bruce's Beach (City Manager Moe).

RECEIVE REPORT

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council receive a report regarding the history of Bruce's Beach.

FISCAL IMPLICATIONS:

There are no fiscal implications associated with the recommended action.

BACKGROUND:

Councilmember Hersman, with support from Councilmember Stern, requested a discussion regarding the history of Bruce's Beach.

DISCUSSION:

Additional information regarding the history of Bruce's Beach can be found in Robert Brigham's thesis submitted in partial fulfillment of the requirements for the degree of Master of Arts in the Department of Social Science at Fresno State College in 1956. It provides a detailed history of the first African Americans to purchase land and live in Manhattan Beach, specifically at and around Bruce's Beach.

A link to this thesis can be found here:

https://drive.google.com/file/d/11qZqQvt_ZuXSSImvwmk5dpaZfQd27wAd/view

The historical account was taken from Robert Brigham's thesis, as well as historian Alison Rose Jefferson's book, *Living the California Dream-African American Leisure Sites during the Jim Crow Era*, and Jan Dennis' book, *A Walk Beside the Sea*.

LEGAL REVIEW:

The City Attorney has reviewed this report and determined that no additional legal analysis is necessary.