

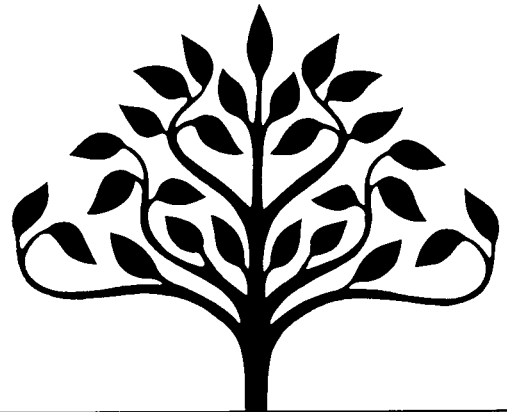
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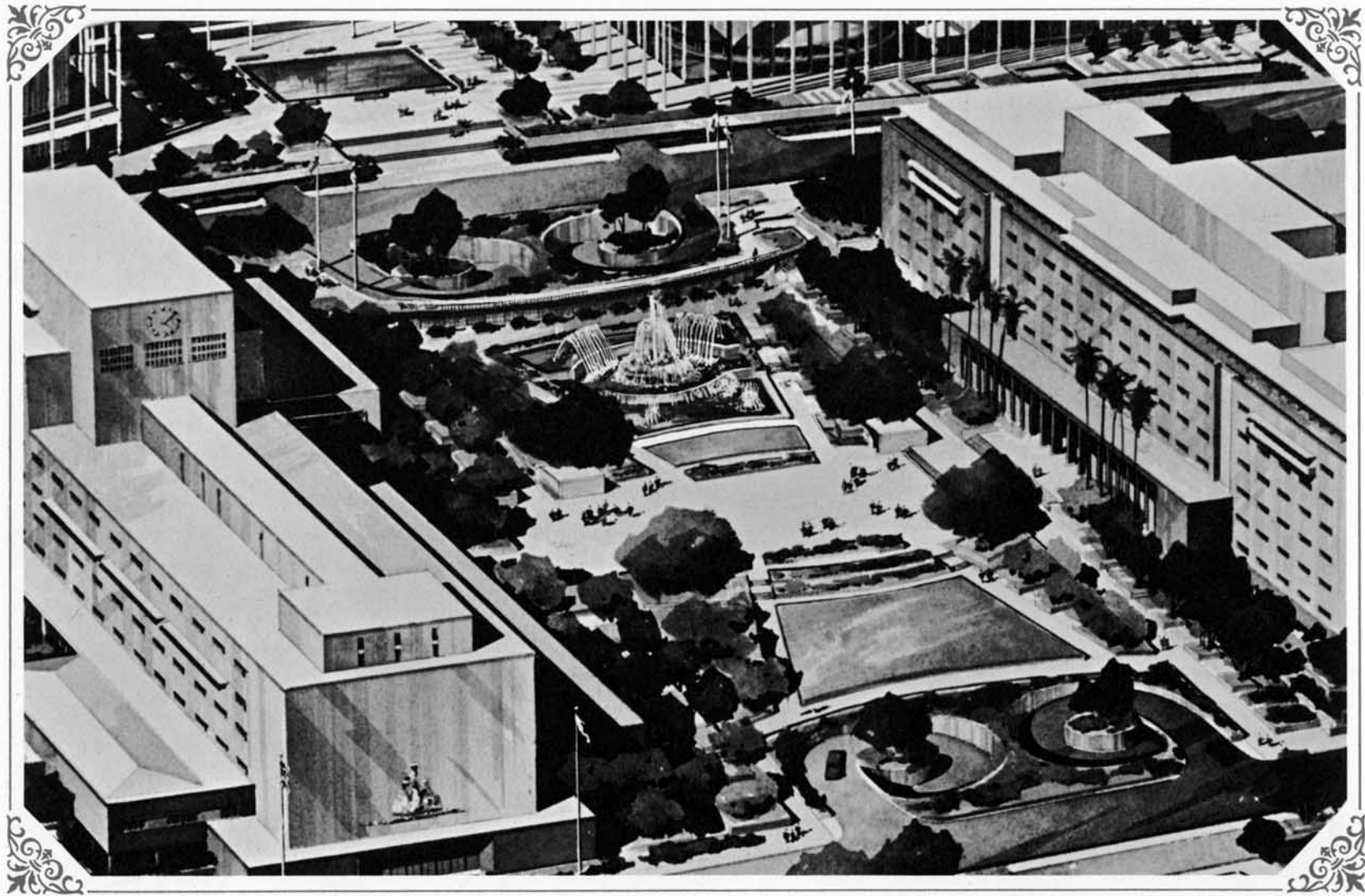


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Dedication Ceremonies

May 18, 1966





FROM A SIMPLE BEGINNING

One hundred and eighty-five years ago, on September 4, 1781, a weary company of travelers—forty-four men, women and children, colonists from Mexico—camped along the river called the Porciúncula. These first settlers, known as the “pobladores,” whose mission was the founding of El Pueblo de Nuestra Señora la Reina de Los Angeles, as planned by Governor Felipe de Neve, had reached their destination.

The naming of this park-like area in the heart of the City of Los Angeles, El Paseo de los Pobladores de Los Angeles, the “Walk of the Settlers of Los Angeles,” acknowledges the contributions of these first citizens who could not have known that they would found what was destined to be one of the largest cities in the country.

The celebration of the completion of the first phase of El Paseo de los Pobladores de Los Angeles reflects the endeavors of many visionary citizens of later years in our city’s history

who recognized the need for a centralized complex of city and county buildings to house government services for this, the most rapidly growing area in the world today.

Early in the twentieth century, plans were considered which included a comprehensive proposal for a civic center. For various reasons, including lack of agreement on an acceptable plan and methods of funding, the advent of the Depression, followed by World War II, progress towards the development of the civic center was delayed until 1963 when work commenced on the first phase of El Paseo de los Pobladores de Los Angeles.

When the three-phase construction is completed, the mall will extend from Grand Avenue on the west to Spring Street on the east, making this civic center for government and culture unsurpassed in modern history in its beauty and usefulness for present and future citizens.



A TRIBUTE TO ARTHUR J. WILL

Perhaps more than any other man, Arthur J. Will was responsible for formulating many of the ideas of design and construction of the modern concept of the Los Angeles Civic Center. It was he who envisioned the transformation of a network of civic structures into an administrative and cultural center of utility and beauty. Arthur J. Will was indeed, the driving force, the catalyst, who brought together vision and action.

His passing denied him the opportunity to witness his dream become a reality. As a symbol of his determination and drive for the development of the Civic Center, the Arthur J. Will Memorial Fountain was included in the plans for El Paseo de los Pobladores de Los Angeles.

The commemorative plaque at the foot of the fountain is appropriately inscribed as follows:

ARTHUR J. WILL MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

*A career civil servant for the County of Los Angeles
for twenty-six years*

Engineer, Administrator, Superintendent of Charities

CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER FROM 1951-1957

*His determination spurred planning into action
to provide this Civic Center for government and culture
unsurpassed in modern history in its beauty and usefulness.*

Once a dream of a few, it is now a reality for all because of men of vision and dedication as that of Arthur J. Will.



DEDICATION PROGRAM

MASTER OF CEREMONIES

*Harold J. Ostly, Chairman
Los Angeles County Board of Retirement*

INVOCATION

*Most Reverend John J. Ward, Bishop
Archdiocese of Los Angeles*

PRESENTATION OF COLORS

*Honor Guard,
Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department*

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

*Rudy Hernandez
Holder of the Congressional Medal of Honor*

NATIONAL ANTHEM

*Los Angeles County Band
Under direction of Dale Eymann
Mark Cook, Soloist*

*Musical Entertainment by Manuel Espinosa
and his Mariachis Band*

WELCOME

*Honorable Burton W. Chace
Chairman, Board of Supervisors*

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

Harold J. Ostly

ENTERTAINMENT

*American-Mexican Institute of Cultural Exchange
of the Republic of Mexico*

DEDICATION ADDRESS

*Honorable Ernest E. Debs
Supervisor, Third District*

GREETINGS

*Lic. Gustavo Diaz Ordaz, President
Republic of Mexico, or his representative
Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Governor
State of California
Honorable Samuel W. Yorty, Mayor
City of Los Angeles*

INSPIRATIONAL MESSAGE

Rabbi Edgar F. Magnin

REMARKS

*Honorable Frank G. Bonelli
Supervisor, First District
Honorable Kenneth Hahn
Supervisor, Second District
Honorable Warren M. Dorn
Supervisor, Fifth District*

INTRODUCTION OF MRS. ARTHUR J. WILL

Supervisor Ernest E. Debs

ACTIVATION OF ARTHUR J. WILL

MEMORIAL FOUNTAIN

Mrs. Arthur J. Will

BENEDICTION

*Reverend George Aki, President
Hollywood Ministerial Association*

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES

As the governing body of the County of Los Angeles, the Board of Supervisors has the unique function of serving as the executive and legislative head of the largest and most complex County government in the United States.

An important part of the function of this five-member board is the responsibility for providing facilities, personnel and financing for the 70 major departments and administrative divisions of the County as well as for furthering the cultural interests of the community.

The County facility which is being dedicated today—El Paseo de los Pobladores, a phase of the overall Los Angeles Civic Center and the two-level underground Parking Garage—is a prime example of both the functional and the cultural. It is a facility of service to accommodate the public who use the Civic Center but it also memorializes the rich and colorful heritage that belongs to Los Angeles.

It is with justifiable pride that the Board of Supervisors, the other leaders of government and the citizens assembled here today dedicate this facility.



Frank G. Bonelli , First District



Kenneth Hahn , Second District



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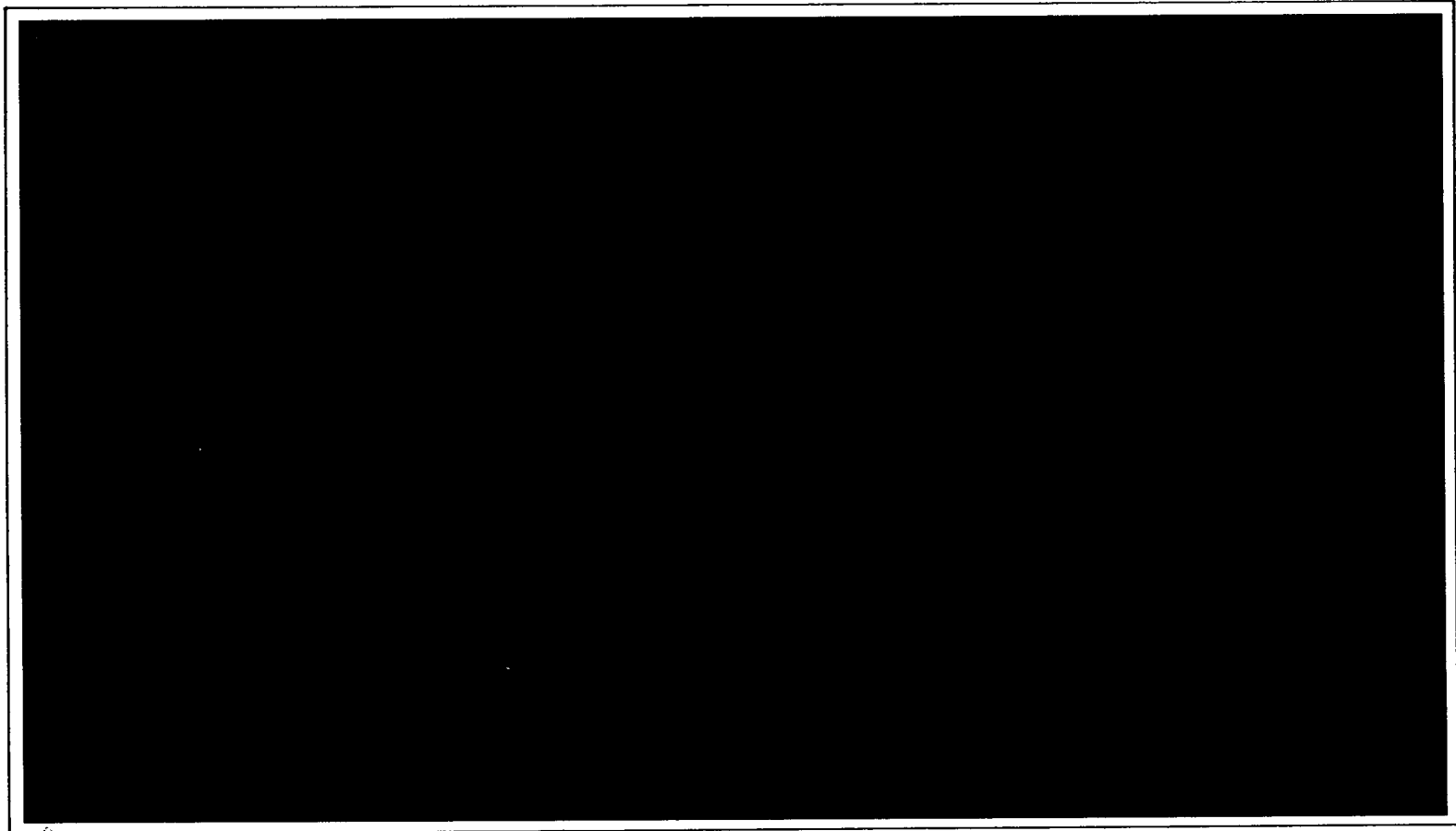


*Burton W. Chace , Fourth District
Chairman*



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