

Sen. Linda Newell, Chairman
Ms. Georgianna Contiguglia
Ms. Marilyn Eddins
Ms. Friday Green
Mr. Richard Lee
Ms. Cindi Markwell



Mr. Edward C. Nichols
Ms. Sharon Nunnally
Mr. Kevin Patterson
Ms. Diann Sill
Rep. Amy Stephens
Mr. Doug Walter

CAPITOL BUILDING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

State Capitol Building, Room 029
Denver, CO 80203-1784
(303) 866-3521

August 29, 2012

Senator Bob Bacon
Capital Development Committee
State Capitol Building
Denver, Colorado 80203

Dear Senator Bacon:

On August 17, 2012, the Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) approved a proposal for the permanent gift of a memorial for placement on the Capitol grounds. The memorial is a replica Armenian khachkar, which will be gifted to the state by the Armenians of Colorado. The khachkar is proposed to be located in the Armenian Memorial Garden, in the northeast quadrant of the Capitol grounds. This proposal is being forwarded to the Capital Development Committee for approval pursuant to Section 24-82-108 (3)(h)(I)(B), C.R.S.

Since 1982, the Armenian Memorial Garden on the Capitol grounds has memorialized the victims of the 1915 Armenian Genocide. The garden currently includes a blue spruce tree and a commemorative plaque. Other features of the garden will be restored after the completion of the geothermal project currently underway in the area.

The proposed memorial is a replica of a 1583 khachkar from the medieval Djulfa cemetery, which was destroyed in 2005. A khachkar is a gravestone of approximately six feet in height, made of tufa stone, and intricately carved on the front with Armenian decorative symbols. The replica will be crafted in Armenia and donated to the Armenians of Colorado by Education and Information for Development, Inc. The Armenians of Colorado will pay for the transport and installation of the monument and donate it unconditionally to the State of Colorado.

During its review of the proposal, the advisory committee raised concerns about the size and specific location of the monument, as well as the need for an explanatory plaque to accompany the monument. The Armenians of Colorado have agreed to address these concerns, and they will return to the advisory committee for further discussion and final approval of the khachkar's size and location, and the language on any descriptive plaque. I will keep you apprised of any future action taken by the advisory committee about these concerns.

Senator Bob Bacon

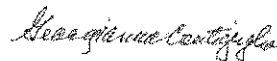
August 29, 2012

Page 2

The approved application for a permanent gift of a memorial and supporting materials are attached to this letter. In addition to approval from the Capital Development Committee, final acceptance of this gift requires approval from the Governor and a Joint Resolution of the General Assembly.

On behalf of the Capitol Building Advisory Committee, thank you for your consideration of this proposed gift.

Sincerely,



Georgianna Contiguglia
Acting Chair, Capitol Building Advisory Committee

c: Kori Donaldson, Legislative Council Staff
Sona Hedeshian, Armenians of Colorado
Julia Jackson, Legislative Council Staff

ATTACHMENT B
APPLICATION FOR A PERMANENT GIFT OR LOAN OF AN OBJECT OF ART
OR A MEMORIAL IN THE STATE CAPITOL OR ON THE GROUNDS OF
THE STATE CAPITOL

(please print)

Date May 24, 2012

1. Individual and/or organization sponsor(s) Armenians of Colorado, Inc

Address(es) P.O.Box 13854 , Denver, CO 80201

Telephone Numbers: Daytime 303-840-9245 Evening _____

2. What is the status of this item?

Permanent gift of donated art

A loan of loaned art

3. Proposed Dates for the display: Permanent

4. Proposed Location of the display: Armenian Memorial Garden, CO State Capitol grounds. *Please note that no displays are permitted in the Capitol rotunda.*

5. Purpose of the display: This monument, a replica of a destroyed Djulfa khatchkar, will memorialize the victims of the Armenian Genocide.

6. Description of the display and space required (photographs may be provided to supplement the written description; use additional pages as necessary): This monument is one of several thousand medieval headstones deliberately destroyed in Djulfa cemetery. The dimensions will be- Length:6.5 feet; Width: 2.3 feet; Depth: 1 feet. It will weigh 1800 LB.

7. Name, address and telephone number of individual(s) in charge of display (if different from #1 above):
Sona Hedeshian, President P.O.Box 13854 Denver, CO 303-887-9430

Simon Maghakyan, Chairperson P.O.Box 13854 Denver, CO 720-2527265

8. Attach an explanation of how the proposal meets the evaluation criteria used by the Advisory Committee.
Please see attachment.

9. If the object is a loaned object of art, how will the object of art be insured throughout the period of time that the object is in the custody of the state?

N/A Lender will maintain its own insurance coverage and provide state with a certificate of insurance naming the state as an additional insured or waive rights to subrogation against the state

N/A Lender requests state to insure the object of art and will provide description of object of art and its value

N/A Lender will elect not to maintain or obtain insurance of the object of art and will agree to release the state from any liability in connection with the loaned object of art



In addition to completing this application, I have read and will comply with the Criteria and Procedures for permanent gifts or loans of art of the State Capitol Building Advisory Committee.

Sona Hedeshian

Digitally signed by Sona Hedeshian
DN: cn=Sona Hedeshian, o=Armenians of Colorado, Inc. ou, email=sona@hedeshian.net, c=US
Date: 2012.05.30 12:24:39 -0500

Signature and title of person completing the application

Return completed application to: State Capitol Building Advisory Committee
Room 029, State Capitol Building
Denver, CO 80203-1784
(303) 866-3521
(303) 866-3855 (FAX)

Approval

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|-----------|-------|
| Capitol Building Advisory Committee: | _____ | _____ |
| | Signature | Date |
| Capital Development Committee: | _____ | _____ |
| | Signature | Date |
| Governor's Office (when applicable) | _____ | _____ |
| | Signature | Date |



ARMENIANSofCOLORADO

P.O. Box 13854
Denver, Colorado 80201
(303) 887-9430
www.armeniansofcolorado.org

May 29, 2012

Dear members of the Advisory Committee,

On behalf of the Armenians of Colorado, Inc (AOC) and the Armenian community in the greater Denver area, I would like to thank you for giving us the opportunity to present to you this proposal for the placement of the khachkar monument at the Armenian Memorial Garden, on the grounds of the State Capitol.

I am happy to announce that AOC unconditionally gives, donates, bestows and transfers the khachkar (donated to Armenians of Colorado Inc. by Education and Information for Development Inc. of Armenia) to the State of Colorado with the understanding that the khachkar becomes the property of the state and AOC gives up all legal interest in the khachkar, and that the khachkar may be moved or removed from its initial placement.

AOC has allocated the necessary funds and takes full financial responsibility of installing the khachkar in the Garden. Attached is our bank statement for said funds.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Sona

Sona Hedeshian
President- Armenians of Colorado
sona@hedeshian.net
303-887-9430

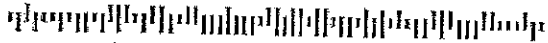


400 Centennial Pkwy Ste 100
 Louisville, CO 80027 (303)661-0969

Proud recipient of a 2011
 Greenwich Middle Market Banking
 Overall Excellence Award

*****AUTO**SCH 5-DIGIT 80201
 1732 O.5090 AV 0.350 7 1 216
 Armenians of Colorado Inc
 Center Fund
 PO Box 13854
 Denver CO 80201-3854

Date 4/30/12 Page 1
 Account 37013803
 Enclosures



C H E C K I N G A C C O U N T

We are proud to have been named one of 39 banks out of more than 750 in the country for distinctive, quality banking and treasury management products and services. The Greenwich Middle Market Banking Overall Excellence Award goes to those banks that deliver outstanding products and customer service after surveying 11,500 businesses.

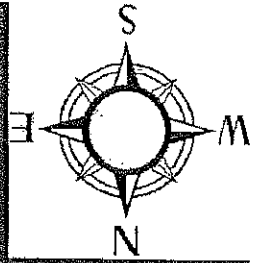
| | | | |
|-----------------------|-----------|--------------------------------|----------------------|
| Business Money Market | | Check Safekeeping | |
| Account Number | 37013803 | Statement Dates | 4/02/12 thru 4/30/12 |
| Previous Balance | 41,876.03 | Days in the Statement Period | 29 |
| Deposits | .00 | Average Ledger | 41,876.03 |
| Withdrawals | .00 | Average Collected | 41,876.03 |
| Service Charge | .00 | Interest Earned | 9.95 |
| Interest Paid | 9.95 | Annual Percentage Yield Earned | 0.30% |
| Ending Balance | 41,885.98 | 2012 Interest Paid | 41.52 |

***** D E P O S I T S *****

| Date | Description | Amount |
|------|------------------|--------|
| 4/30 | Interest Deposit | 9.95 |

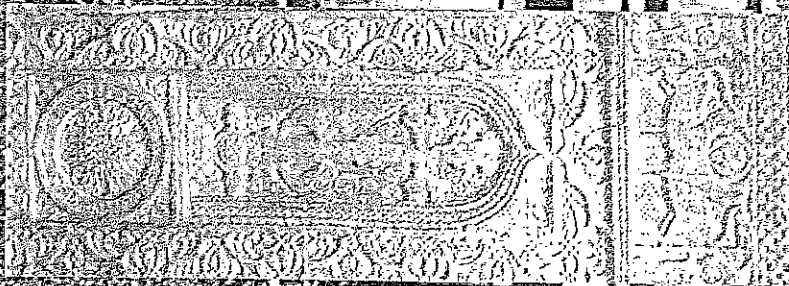
***** D A I L Y B A L A N C E I N F O R M A T I O N *****

| Date | Balance | Date | Balance |
|------|-----------|------|-----------|
| 4/02 | 41,876.03 | 4/30 | 41,885.98 |



Proposed khachkar →

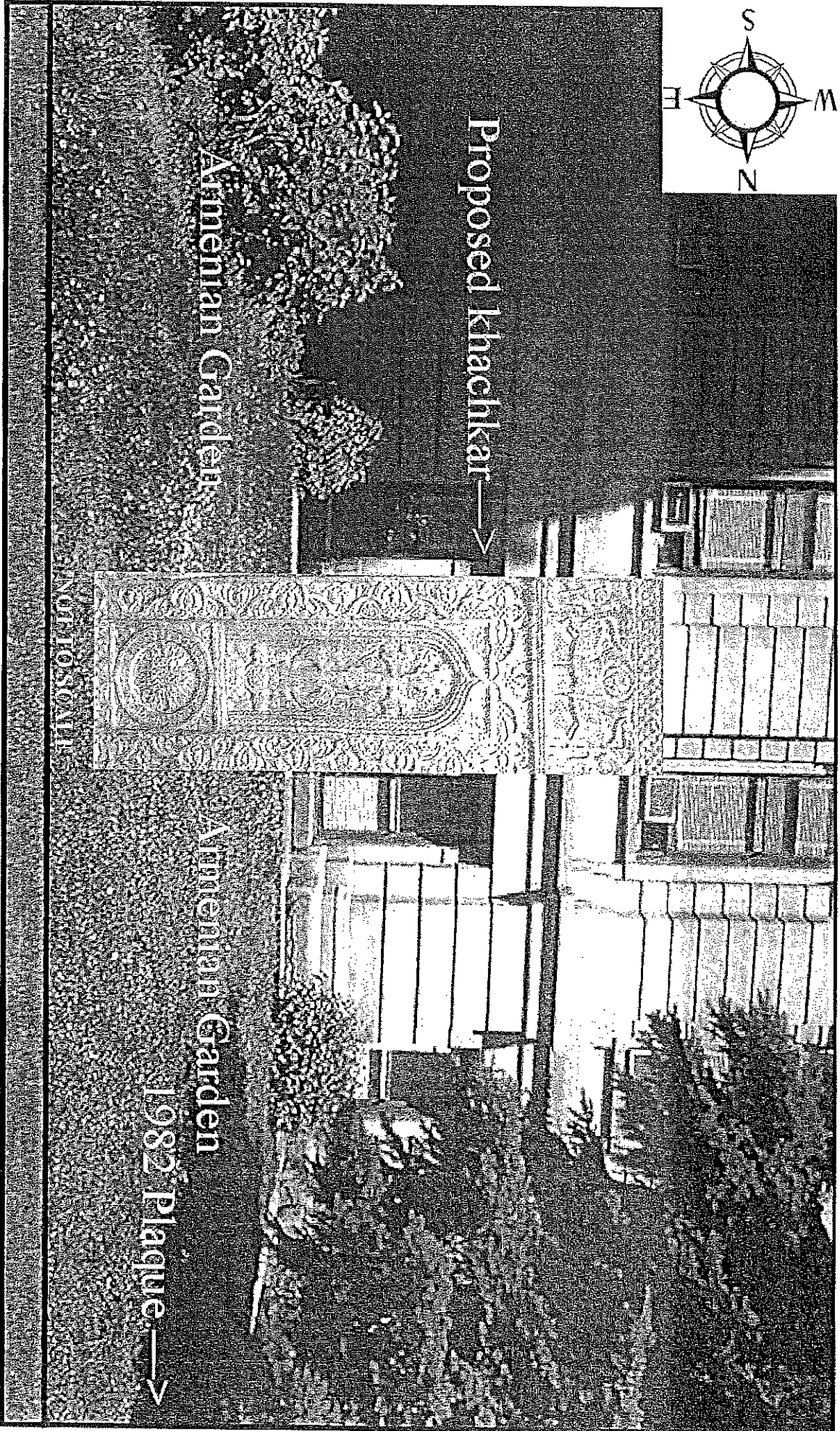
Armenian Garden



NOI 1080411

Armenian Garden

1982 Plaque →





Armenians of Colorado Inc.

Denver, Colorado

May 29, 2012

Thank you for the opportunity to bid on your monument installation. It really does sound like a beautiful stone and I look forward to seeing it.

Erickson Monuments is happy to Receive the monument from Armenia (roughly 6'x3'x3', weighing 1800 lbs) and store in our yard until the City of Denver is ready for installation in the Armenian Memorial Garden located at the Capital Building. Here are details and pricing:

Receipt, Storage, Delivery and Installation of Monument: \$1220

Concrete Footer to be installed by structural engineer prior to Installation: \$3095

Installation will require 8-12" rebar holes being drilled into bottom of monument and then set into footing approximately 2' down. This will have to be discussed further, but I prefer to be safer and over-build it. My structural engineer suggests those holes be drilled during the make of the monument prior to shipping. Please let me know your thoughts about this. If Erickson Monuments needs to do this, please add \$850 to the price as we need to have the engineer on hand as we drill as well as extra liability. I would obviously prefer to have the artist have the holes drilled.

I know that we discussed adding a Granite Base piece under the monument, but the engineer feels that direct installation on the concrete footing will be enough and structurally more sound.

Thank you.

I look forward to speaking with you,

Becky

Erickson Monuments
1245 Quivas St
Denver, CO 80204
303.571.5151

ԿՐԹՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ
ԵՎ ՏԵՂԵԿԱՏՎՈՒԹՅՈՒՆ
ՀԱՆՈՒՆ ԶԱՐԳԱՑՄԱՆ



EDUCATION AND
INFORMATION FOR
DEVELOPMENT

Հայաստան, Երևան, Սունդուկյան 27/բն 11
Հեռ: (37410) 547 446, ֆաքս: (374 10) 547446
Էլ-փոստ: eifdngo@gmail.com

11 apt, 27 Sundukyan St., Yerevan, Armenia
Tel: (374 10) 547 446, Fax: (374 10) 547446
E-mail: eifdngo@gmail.com

30.05.2012 №01

Capitol Building Advisory Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80120

Dear Capitol Building Advisory Committee Members,

We are writing to communicate our commitment to Armenians of Colorado, Inc. to sponsor the crafting and shipment of an Armenian memorial *khachkar* to Denver, Colorado, to be installed on Colorado State Capitol grounds.

We look forward to the opportunity of giving a gift of a U.N.E.S.C.O.-protected piece of Armenian heritage to the people of Colorado, as a thank you for the generous support that Coloradans extended to the survivors of the Armenian Genocide during and after WWI.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

President of EIFD NGO



Gevorg Tamanyan



ARMENIANSofCOLORADO

P.O. Box 13854 Denver, Colorado 80201 (303) 887-9430 www.armeniansofcolorado.org

Capitol Building Advisory Committee
Colorado General Assembly
200 East Colfax Avenue
Denver, Colorado 80203

May 27, 2012

Dear Members of the Committee,

Since 1982, the northeast Capitol grounds have memorialized the victims of the Armenian Genocide – an event that prompted unprecedented humanitarian activism in Colorado, as well as received statewide media coverage. In three years, we will be marking the Centennial anniversary of the Armenian Genocide. The proper commemoration of Armenian martyrs is through an exquisite and endangered monument – khachkar. Two years ago, UNESCO added the symbolism and making of khachkars to its Intangible World Heritage list. We would be honored to donate a museum-quality khachkar to the State of Colorado. Please find below our responses to your requirements for memorial proposals.

Kind regards,

Armenians of Colorado

Significance of the Art to Colorado

The proposed monument will memorialize the 1915 Armenian Genocide, one of the 20th's century's worst atrocities which has been unanimously recognized by the Colorado General Assembly and commemorated by the Governor of Colorado. At the time of its occurrence, the Armenian Genocide was widely reported throughout Colorado – from the largest settlements to the tiniest communities (see clippings of some of those reports). Many Coloradans fundraised to help the survivors of the Armenian Genocide, known as “the starving Armenians” at the time. In fact, in 1919, Colorado's goal was to fundraise \$250,000 – 50 times more than the Governor's annual salary – for the starving Armenians and others victimized by Ottoman Turkey. Some of the survivors of the Armenian Genocide settled in Colorado, although there had been Armenians in Denver since the late 19th century. Many more second and later generation survivors have moved to Colorado, creating a diverse and vibrant community that includes lawyers, doctors, entrepreneurs, policemen, public administrators, engineers, professors, journalists, and others.

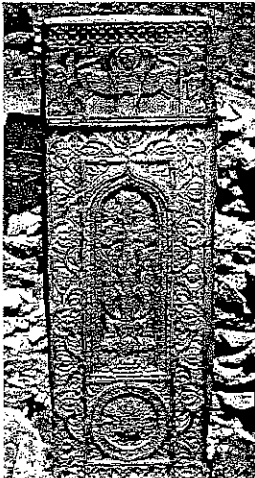
The proposed monument is a replica of a 1583 khachkar from the magnificent medieval Djulfa cemetery, which was deliberately reduced to dust in December 2005 by the government of

Azerbaijan, which – like Turkey – denies the Armenian Genocide and distorts the history of the region. The cemetery was destroyed to erase proof that, in medieval times, Armenians lived in what is now Azerbaijan. Khachkars are intricately carved memorials and are an endangered and exquisite form of Armenian art. In 2010, UNESCO added the symbolism and craftsmanship of khachkars to the World Intangible Heritage List (see nomination file that has details on khachkars). You can learn more about Djulfa khachkars at the Denver-based Djulfa Virtual Memorial and Museum – www.djulfa.com.

This proposal has the support of Tom “Dr. Colorado” Noel, the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action, Derek “Dr. Capitol” Everett, and Jil Rosentrater, Manager of Public Art at Colorado Creative Industries. We have included letters of support from Dr. Everett, Ms. Rosentrater, and the Colorado Coalition for Genocide Awareness and Action.

Description of the Art

A rectangle with flat surfaces except for the front, which is intricately carved with Armenian decorative symbols, a mystic two-bodied creature with Pagan roots surrounded by two angels, and an Armenian cross inserted within an Islamic/Gothic pointed arch.



Length: 6.5 ft
Width: 2.3 ft
Depth: 1 ft
Weight: 1800 LB

Original to be replicated. A larger version of the image is included in the application packet.

Plaque Text

This monument is a replica of a 1583 khachkar, crafted by Grigor, from the famed Jugha (Djulfa) cemetery, deliberately destroyed in 2005. Khachkar symbolism and craftsmanship, an endangered art, is a UNESCO Intangible Heritage.

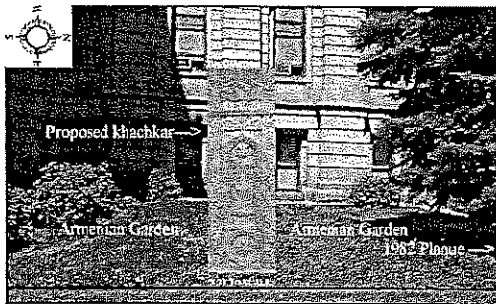
Making and Maintaining

The khachkar will be crafted in Armenia, using simple carving tools and the durable Armenian stone tufa, which can survive for over a thousand years despite severe weather conditions. There is no maintenance required for a khachkar. The only threat would be deliberate human

destruction. There is minimal to no chance for vandalism by nationalist Turks and Azeris, who do not have a sizable presence in Colorado and have not displayed violence during Armenian Genocide awareness events in Colorado. There is even less chance of vandalism by militant atheists, who may find the cross on the khachkar offensive. (To be clear, while khachkars can be considered Christian monuments, they are primarily Armenian cultural memorials with not only Christian motifs but also Pagan roots, as well as some Islamic influence.) However, the khachkar's location on Capitol grounds will likely deter potential vandalism.

Location

The khachkar will be added to the Armenian Memorial Garden on the Capitol's northeastern grounds, which was designated in 1982 to memorialize the Armenian Genocide. It will be south of the current plaque, facing east (toward Armenia and sunset).



Larger image attached.

Landscaping/Installation

The monument will be installed by Erickson monuments for under \$5,000, paid by Armenians of Colorado, Inc. Once the khachkar is installed, a landscaping plan will be proposed to CBAC to enhance the Armenian Gardens in preparation for the Centennial of the Armenian Genocide (2015).

Sponsor

Armenians of Colorado Inc. is the sponsor of this proposed project. It is a Colorado non-profit, registered as 501(c) 3. An organization in Armenia, Education and Information for Development, Inc., will donate the khachkar to Armenians of Colorado, which, in turn, will donate the khachkar to the State of Colorado.

Donation Statement

Attached is a statement by Armenians of Colorado Inc., which unconditionally gives, donates, bestows and transfers the khachkar (donated to Armenians of Colorado Inc. by Education and Information for Development Inc. of Armenia) to the State of Colorado with the understanding that the object of art becomes the property of the state and that Armenians of Colorado Inc. gives up all legal interest in the object of art, and that the object of art may be moved or removed from its initial placement.

Copyright and Quality Warranty

The monument will be a replica of a (now destroyed) 16th-century khachkar, which is public domain. The replica is based on the photograph of Argam Ayvazyan, who has given Armenians of Colorado Inc. permission to use the photo for replicating the monument. The artisan who will craft the khachkar is widely considered the best among his peers. Master Varazdat Hambartsumyan has created more than 400 khachkars which are on display all over the world. The khachkar will be of the highest quality.

Funding

Attached is a statement from Education and Information for Development Inc., which commits to sponsoring the crafting and shipping of the khachkar to Denver. Also attached is a statement from Armenians of Colorado Inc., along with a bank statement showing available funds for committing to installing the monument.

Attachments

Clippings of Colorado newspapers

Statement of Support by two prominent individuals and one organization

UNESCO khachkar nomination file

Photos of proposed location and original memorial

Commitments by Armenians of Colorado, Inc. and Education and Information for Development Inc. of Armenia to sponsor the making, shipping, and installation of the memorial

Bank account for Armenians of Colorado, Inc. showing available funds for installation

Quote/Bid from Erickson Monuments for installation

History Today article on the deliberate destruction of the Djulfa cemetery

Satellite report by the American Association for the Advancement of Science documenting the complete destruction of the Djulfa Cemetery