



**May 16 CBAC Meeting - Additional Materials**   
**LCS Capitol Building Advisory Committee**

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CBAC Members,

We have worked with the Armenians of Colorado to further refine proposed language for the khachkar plaque. The new proposed language is below. Again, feel free to contact me before the meeting with any comments or concerns about this language.

**Proposed language:**

This monument commemorates the victims of all crimes against humanity. It was dedicated on the 100th anniversary of the 1915 Armenian Genocide, a tragedy that was widely reported in Colorado. Communities throughout Colorado generously raised funds to assist the survivors, known at that time as the "Starving Armenians." This cultural monument was crafted in Armenia and is a recreation of a medieval khachkar that had functioned as a gravestone for centuries. In 2010, the United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organization acknowledged the value and vulnerability of this indigenous art tradition by declaring it part of the intangible Cultural Heritage of Humanity.

Additionally, Rick Lee wanted you to know that Capitol Complex is removing the ornamental symbols and emblems fence at the bottom of the west steps to Lincoln Avenue. The fence will be taken off site for conservation and repair work.

See you Friday!

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