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### LINCOLN MEMORIAL PARK CEMETERY UPDATE

*Transition of care of the historic cemetery begins*

SACRAMENTO – The [cemetery](#) and [cemetery manager](#) licenses issued by the [Cemetery and Funeral Bureau](#) (Bureau) to Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery in Carson have been cancelled at the owner's request, effective August 8, 2023.

Following the license cancellations, the cemetery is considered unlicensed, abandoned and outside of the Bureau's regulatory authority. However, in these circumstances, there are laws in place that will allow for the future care and maintenance of the property by the city or county, along with reimbursement through income available in the cemetery's endowment care fund. The law also outlines the authority of a court to appoint a temporary manager and the ability of the county to assume responsibility in circumstances when a temporary manager is not appointed.

Additionally, the Bureau can authorize licensed funeral homes to perform burials at the cemetery for those with pre-purchased burials.

The Bureau understands this is a difficult situation for the families and community, and remains committed to continuing to collaborate with local, state, and community partners on the future of the cemetery's care and maintenance. More information about the transition of responsibility of care over the cemetery is expected to be determined by local authorities over the coming weeks and months.

## **Lincoln Memorial Park Cemetery**

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Upon becoming aware of the cemetery's closure late last month, the Bureau began to work diligently to gather information to assess the situation, address options, and take appropriate action within the law and the Bureau's jurisdiction.

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