

Where is Armenia?



Armenian Synopsis

- 1. Land Size:** 11,500 Square Miles; about the same size as State of Massachusetts and slightly larger than Israel
- 2. Population:** 3.0 Million living within Armenia and another 6.0 million outside Armenia (2.0 million in USA)
- 3. Religion:** A Christian country surrounded by non-friendly Muslim countries of Turkey, Azerbaijan and Iran
- 4. Christianity:** Introduced to Armenia during the 1st century by Apostles Bartholomew and Thaddeus
- 5. Historic Armenia:** Armenian Kingdom was defeated by invading Seljuk and Turkic tribes from Eastern Asia
- 6. Armenians within Ottoman Empire:** 2.0 million Armenians were living in Ottoman Turkey at the beginning of WWI representing 15% of the entire 13 million population.
- 7. The Armenian Genocide:** During 1915-1923 1.5 of the 2.0 million Armenians were killed by the order of the Ottoman Turkish Government
- 8. Armenians Around the World:** Surviving Armenians were spread all over the Middle East, Europe and USA
- 9. Ongoing Middle East Conflicts:** Islamic revolutions in Lebanon, Iran, Iraq and Syria has further driven away Christian and Armenian communities away from the Middle East
- 10. Armenians in Las Vegas:** According to UNLV History Professor Michelle Tusan, Armenians have settled in Southern Nevada as of 1921. Today there are around 15,000 Armenians living in Las Vegas and at any weekend around 5,000 Armenian visitors from Southern California

Few prominent Las Vegas Armenians

Casino and Resort Developer Kirk Kerkorian

UNLV Basketball Coach Jerry Tarkanian

Tennis Legend Andre Agassi

City of Las Vegas Councilwoman Lois Tarkanian

- 7. Improvement names will be changed only if the current name does not have geographical, historical or other significance. No improvement named after an individual shall be considered for a name change. (All existing improvement names are grandfathered in and shall remain so).
- 8. This policy does not affect monuments, substructures, or special activity areas within the existing or new improvement sites and only pertains to improvements within the County.
- 9. Parks donated to the County through Major Project Agreements will be named through the Park Naming Policy heretofore established.
- 10. Bridges and roads shall not be named for any individual.

|| MONUMENT POLICY

PURPOSE AND INTRODUCTION

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|| The City may decide to install permanent outdoor Monuments on County property to commemorate or honor events, persons or groups. In placing Monuments on County property, the County intends to engage in government speech and does not intend to open a public forum for free speech activity. The County may decide, in its sole discretion, to reject a proposal for a Monument and/or may determine the appropriate site for any and all monuments.

|| The purpose of this Policy is to establish criteria and guidelines for the consideration and installation of Monuments outdoors in County parks deemed by the County to be appropriate to serve as the site for a Monument. In doing so, the County recognizes the following considerations:

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• Monuments can convey a powerful connection between Clark County and its history.

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• It is important that the placement of Monuments be limited to circumstances of the highest community-wide importance, both to maintain the significance of such Monuments and to minimize conflicts with the active and variable use of public spaces.

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**Armenian Genocide Memorial Monument
Sunset Park, Las Vegas**



Completed Monument Construction





Candle Light Vigil April 23, 2016



**Parks and Recreation
Advisory Commission
Meeting of
May 3, 2016**

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