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RIGO 23 - Art Proposal for The Mission Creek Park Extension

Unflagging Presence:

The California Grizzlies of Mission Creek

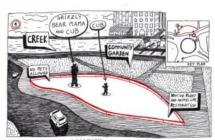
Is a sculptural tribute to the original wildlife present within the area known today as Mission Creek Park.

In 1871, famed naturalist John Muir wrote, "Bears are made of the same dust as we, and breathe the same winds and drink of the same waters. And whether he at last goes into our stingy heaven or not, he has terrestrial immortality."

To this day, the Grizzly Bear continues to be one of California's most visible and enduring symbols, adorning both the state flag and seal. However, by the time the California Grizzly Bear is designated official state animal, in 1953, it had been extinct in the state for over two decades.

With these larger-than-life Grizzlies (150% actual size), I aim to call upon the kind of proximity the animal world shared with the human world at the time of the Ohlones, pre-California. This relationship would be underscored by the Native plant and animal life restoration area within which the sculptures exist.

I also aim to remind our contemporaries that the survival of even such a majestic and powerful animal, as the Grizzty Bear, is dependent foremost on the actions of us humans. The tender love and fierce protection of the bear mother alone is not sufficient to guarantee the survival of her cubs.



PROPOSED ARTWORK LOCATION

DIMENSIONS: MAMA BEAR IS 13% FEET TALL

CUB IS 6 FEET TALL



