Sir:
The site of the first American flag raising over California territory, 9 July 1846, by Gen. Montgomery, signifying the taking possession of this city in the name of the United States, was sentenced Monday by the local Board of Supervisors to be removed so that an underground garage could be built beneath it, then the square, Portsmouth Square, (an old one-block park in the heart of the city), will be re-landscaped over the top of the garage.

Some citizens here believe the Square will not ever be the same once it is treated in this fashion, and are anxious to have the site preserved as it is. Perhaps you can do something to have the site classified as a national monument?

Work is scheduled to be started within 60 days, hence you don't have much time.

Respectfully,

Everett Br. Anderson
(private citizen)