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A monument to **Nelson Mandela** is planned for a site atop Montara Mountain overlooking the ocean in San Mateo County. This is actually within Skylawn Memorial Park, and is a project of the NorthStar Cemetery Group, which operates that park and Funeral Home, as well as Chapel of the Chimes facilities in Oakland and Hayward. NorthStar is financing not only the building of the monument, but, with the partnership of the Nelson Mandela Foundation and the Oakland chapter of the NAACP, a design competition to determine its embodiment. The contest began Tuesday and runs for a month (more information at [www.nelsonmandela-memorial.com](http://www.nelsonmandela-memorial.com)). Judges include Rep. **Barbara Lee** and **Alice Huffman**, president of the California state NAACP.

The Bay Area was chosen as the site for the memorial to the South African icon because of its historical significance, said an official statement. Rep. **Ron Dellums** drafted the first antiapartheid legislation; the Port of Oakland refused cargo from South Africa.

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