



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: DECEMBER 13, 2016**

FROM: MUSEUM & CULTURAL AFFAIRS **WARDS: ALL**
DEPARTMENT

SUBJECT: ACCEPTANCE OF \$2,000 IN DONATIONS FOR ACQUISITION FOR THE RIVERSIDE METROPOLITAN MUSEUM'S ANTHROPOLOGY COLLECTION – SUPPLEMENTAL APPROPRIATION

ISSUE:

Authorization of the acceptance of gift donations from private donors in the amount of \$2,000.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council:

1. Authorize the acceptance of gift donations from private donors in the amount of \$2,000; and
2. Authorize an increase in estimated revenues in the amount of \$2,000 and appropriate expenditures in the same amount to a project account to be established by Finance Department.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

On October 14, 2016, the Metropolitan Museum Board unanimously approved the purchase of a painting by contemporary Cahuilla artist, Gerald L. Clarke, Jr.

BACKGROUND:

In 2016, the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (Museum) revised its Collections Plan in preparation for the Museum's reaccreditation through the American Alliance of Museums. The Collections Plan identifies collection areas that can be strengthened through acquisition of objects and recommends the types of objects that would improve the collections.

On August 10, 2016, the Museum Collections Committee unanimously approved the purchase of a painting by contemporary artist, Gerald L. Clarke, Jr.

DISCUSSION:

The Collections Plan identifies contemporary Southern California American Indian art as an area of focus for acquisition. The Museum's anthropology collection currently does not have a substantial collection of contemporary Southern California American Indian art. The Museum needs contemporary acquisitions to complement its early collections and to maintain the significance and national and international recognition of the Museum's American Indian collection in the 21st century.

The purchase of a painting by contemporary Cahuilla artist, Gerald L. Clarke, Jr., will support the Collections Plan recommendation and enhance the Museum's collections.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no general fund fiscal impact associated with this report. The donations of \$2,000 would be a supplemental budget action and be used towards the purchase of the 2013 painting "Yucca" by Gerald L. Clarke, Jr. The Riverside Museum Associates (RMA), the Museum's 501(c)3 support group, would provide the balance of the \$6,000 cost of the painting from their private RMA Acquisitions Fund.

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Attachment: Metropolitan Museum Board Minutes October 14, 2016