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Subject: [External] Cheech Marin

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Councilman Gardner,

I'll make this real quick! Just wanted to let you know my household would like you to oppose the Historical library becoming the Cheech Marin Center.

I was recently in San Louis Obispo, which has a beautiful and vibrant downtown and culture and it dawned on me, it's so great because they embraced thier history (with the Mission and all). Riverside should not try to become something it's not. We should embrace our beautiful history, and honor our founders wishes if having a Library in the CITY CENTER. I fear moving the library and having the Cheech Marin Center in the center of downtown would negativity impact the footprint of downtown.

Not to mention this will cost the City a cool 2 million, not including what the new library will cost. From what y'all tell us, Riverside is in deep financial trouble. And when the Marin Center runs out if money it has to shut it's doors for whatever reason, it will leave a gaping hole in our special downtown.

Please I beg of you, do not support this.

Sincerely,

One of your favorite Republicans 😊,

Rebekah Manning
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cc: Mayor
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Dear Riverside City Council,

As an Assembly Member representing the 61st Assembly District which includes the City of Moreno Valley, Perris, and a great portion of Riverside, it is my pleasure to support the development of the Cheech Marin Chicano Art, Culture and Industry Center in Riverside.

The Cheech Marin Chicano Art Center in Riverside would help raise the profile of the art movement and of the Inland Empire area. Having been a Chicano studies teacher for ten years, this would be a great opportunity to bring a center for the display and study of the Chicano culture. It is in this light that I appreciate and support the efforts of Cheech Marin, the Riverside Art Museum, and the City of Riverside to highlight the significance of the Chicano art and culture.

I firmly believe that the Cheech Marin Chicano Art, Culture and Industry Center in Riverside will be of enormous benefit to the region. This development would reiterate the city's motto as being the "City of Arts and Innovation" and will continue to empower the Hispanic Community, not only in our region, but in the state of California. As Cheech Marin stated "It'll be the one place worldwide that everybody can go to for all things Chicano Art."

During this year's state of the city address, Mayor Bailey highlighted the partnerships the city has formed and will continue to make. It is through partnerships such as this that we are able to bring forward cultural events that enrich and unite our communities.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jose Medina".

Jose Medina
Assembly Member – 61st District

cc: Mayor
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From: Dr. Vincent Moses [mailto:vincate@att.net]

Sent: Friday, May 05, 2017 11:34 AM

To: Bailey, Rusty <RBailey@riversideca.gov>; Gardner, Mike <MGardner@riversideca.gov>; Melendrez, Andy <ASMelendrez@riversideca.gov>; Soubirous, Mike <msoubirous@riversideca.gov>; MacArthur, Chris <CMacArthur@riversideca.gov>; Davis, Paul <PDavis@riversideca.gov>; Perry, Jim <JPerry@riversideca.gov>; jbarnard@riversideca.gov; Russo, John A. <jrusso@riversideca.gov>; Nguyen, Alexander <ANguyen@riversideca.gov>; Kennon, Tonya <TKennon@riversideca.gov>; Drew Oberjuerge <doberjuerge@riversideartmuseum.org>

Subject: [External] The Cheech!

Dear Mr. Mayor and Distinguished Members of Council:

I've watched with great interest as events have unfolded around the proposal to establish the Cheech Marin Center for Chicano Arts and Culture at the Main Library building. It is with humility and pleasure that I offer my support for this extraordinary project. When you approve the MOU negotiated between the City, Cheech, and RAM, you will have accomplished a marvelous thing for Riverside, and its future as the City of Arts and Innovation. Mr. Marin has sought a permanent location for his prized collection for years, and now its within Riverside's reach to land it. That is beyond my wildest expectations. Drew Oberjuerge deserves the the credit and the community's gratitude for initiating this deal with her recent exhibition and associated programs. She and her staff impressed Cheech a lot, leading him to consider establishing his museum here. then the potential availability of the Central Library building came along just at the right time, what Carl Jung called "synchronicity."

In 2005, The RMM was privileged to host Cheech's first traveling show, *The Chicano Collection*, with an opening attended by the mayor, five councilmen, and at least 1,500 people for an outdoor celebration on Mission Inn Avenue, on what seemed the perfect night in Riverside. We proved even then that there was a thirst for Chicano art and expression. Visitors came form Santa Barbara, San Diego, San Francisco and points further away to see the show. You cannot go wrong with this

project. If everyone pulls together to make it happen, Riverside will have added something really big.

I also understand from my friend Drew that Cheech intends to preserve the Formalist facade and most of the Danish interior of the building, which makes this a serious historic preservation project too. Moreover, the initial cost estimates looks quite reasonable. I'm sure City Manger Russo worked these numbers over quite thoroughly ahead of negotiating the MOU.

In conclusion, I urge the Council to give this MOU a unanimous vote of approval.

Very best regards,

Vince

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Herman Vincent Moses, PhD CEO & Principal VinCate & Associates Museum and Historic Preservation Consultants

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