



City of Arts & Innovation

Board of Library Trustees

TO: BOARD OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES **DATE: JANUARY 10, 2022**
FROM: RIVERSIDE PUBLIC LIBRARY **WARDS: ALL**
SUBJECT: DEACCESSION OF PORTRAIT OF JESUS CARLOS

ISSUE:

Recommend that the City Council approve the deaccession of the portrait of Jesus Carlos from the Riverside Public Library.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Trustees recommend that the City Council approve the deaccession of the portrait of Jesus Carlos from the Riverside Public Library.

BACKGROUND:

On May 3, 1980, the Friends of Jess Carlos committee donated a photo portrait of Jesus "Jess" Carlos to the Riverside Public Library. This portrait hung at the Main Library located at 3581 Mission Inn Avenue, Riverside CA., 92501, until the library was relocated in 2021.

DISCUSSION:

Jesus "Jess" Carlos was a long time Riverside civic leader and resident. He was active with the Riverside Park and Recreation Commission, the Community Settlement Association, the board of directors of the Opportunities Industrialization Center, American GI Forum, University Area Kiwanis Club and Knights of Columbus. He was the operator of Carlos Market located at 14th and Howard streets and was an unofficial spokesman in the Eastside area.

As the portrait no longer hangs in the Main Library, staff have worked with the Sanchez family, specifically Mr. Carlos' granddaughter Elizabeth Sanchez-Monville, to return the portrait to the family.

STRATEGIC PLAN ALIGNMENT:

This item contributes to Strategic Priority No. 1 *Arts, Culture & Recreation* and Goal No. 1.1 - Strengthen Riverside's portfolio of arts, culture, recreation, senior and lifelong learning programs

and amenities through expanded community partnerships, shared use opportunities and fund development.

This item aligns with each of the five Cross-Cutting Threads as follows:

1. **Community Trust** – This report is transparent in providing the community and Board of Library Trustees information on the deaccession a portrait that was donated to the Library.
2. **Equity** – The deaccession report at the Board of Library Trustees in-person meeting and virtually provide members of the community equal access to comment on the process.
3. **Fiscal Responsibility** – There are no fiscal impacts with deaccession of the portrait of Jesus “Jess” Carlos. The Riverside Public Library is a prudent steward of public funds and ensures responsible management of the City’s financial resources while providing quality public services to all.
4. **Innovation** – The deaccession staff report is timely in meeting the community’s changing needs and prepares for the future through collaborative partnerships and adaptive processes.
5. **Sustainability & Resiliency** – The deaccession staff report relates to meeting the needs of the present without compromising the needs of the future and ensuring the City’s capacity to persevere, adapt and grow during good and difficult times alike.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with the deaccession of this portrait.

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Attachment: Press Enterprise Article, “Portrait in library to honor Eastside leader Jesus Carlos,” May 2, 1980