



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# City Council Memorandum

**TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL      DATE: MAY 7, 2019**

**FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT      WARDS: ALL**

**SUBJECT: DONATION OF MUSEUM SURPLUS ITEMS TO JURUPA MOUNTAINS  
DISCOVERY CENTER**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the donation of Museum Department surplus items including desks, chairs, shelves, storage units, terrariums and exhibitry to the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the City Council approve the donation of Museum Department surplus items including desks, chairs, shelves, storage units, terrariums and exhibitry to the Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center.

## **BACKGROUND:**

On May 16, 2017, the City Council approved the Measure Z Spending Plan, which included a renovation and possible expansion of the Main Museum facility in downtown Riverside. To prepare for the renovation, Museum staff have identified items that the Museum no longer needs, but may be useful to other organizations.

On July 11, 2017, the City Council approved the temporary closure of the Riverside Metropolitan Museum (Museum), and the Museum closed on September 5, 2017.

## **DISCUSSION:**

The Jurupa Mountains Discovery Center (Center) is located in Jurupa Valley and offers visitors the opportunity to learn about local landscape and culture. The Center was founded in 1964 by a group of local scientists and philanthropists. It features an Earth Science Museum, gardens, and garden trails. The Center is funded by a modest endowment, managed by the Community Foundation, and relies on grants, gift shop and plant sale revenue, and donations.

The Museum contacted the Office of Homeless Solutions; the Parks, Recreation and Community Services Department; and the Library Department to see if there was a need for the Museum's surplus furniture, office items, and terrariums. The departments accepted the items they were able to use but several items were not needed. The Museum Department proposes to donate the remaining items, which are pictured in the photographs below, to the Jurupa Mountains Discovery

Center.

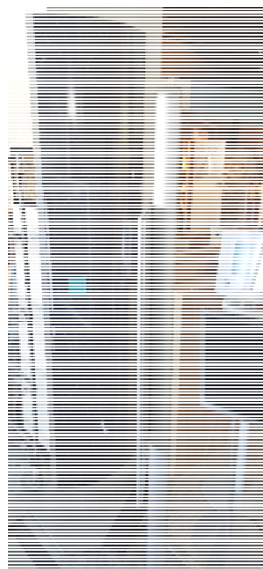
Furniture including desks, chairs, shelves and storage units:







### Terrariums and exhibitry:



**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the general fund associated with this action.

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