



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL **DATE: JULY 6, 2021**

FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT **WARDS: ALL**

SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF HISTORICAL ITEMS INTO THE MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE'S PERMANENT COLLECTION

ISSUE:

Approve the accession of historical items into the Museum of Riverside's permanent collection.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council approve accession of historical items into the Museum's permanent collection.

BOARD RECOMMENDATION:

At a virtual meeting on April 28, 2021, the Museum of Riverside Board, with six of eight members present for this vote (the Ward 1 seat was vacant at this time), unanimously agreed to recommend that City Council approve accession of historical items into the Museum's permanent collection.

BACKGROUND:

In its Collections Development Plan, the Museum of Riverside (Museum) identifies areas for growth within its historical collections. The plan notes that "Through its collections, the Museum will seek to broaden the inquiry into the ways in which material culture defines a shared understanding of history, place, and identity."

DISCUSSION:

Historical items deemed appropriate accessions to meet the goals of the Museum's Collection Development Plan by the Museum Collections Committee and Museum of Riverside Board include:

1. Three (3) City of Riverside flags
2. Three (3) brownware objects from the archaeological site of Wong Ho Leun, Riverside's Chinatown
3. One (1) later, Chinatown-related ceramic item

4. Six (6) drawings by Riverside architect Henry Jekel
5. One (1) Hayes family quilt storage chest

Explanations of the significance of the objects as additions to the Museum's collection and photographs of the objects are in the Museum of Riverside Board reports, included as attachments.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact with this recommendation.

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Approved as to form: Kristi J. Smith, Interim City Attorney

Attachments:

1. Museum of Riverside Board Minutes – April 2021
2. Museum Board Report – Recommend accession of City flags
3. Museum Board Report – Recommend accession of Chinatown objects
4. Museum Board Report – Recommend accession of Jekel drawings
5. Museum Board Report – Recommend accession of Hayes family quilt chest