



*City of Arts & Innovation*

# Museum of Riverside Board Memorandum

**TO: MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE BOARD** **DATE: DECEMBER 8, 2021**

**FROM: MUSEUM COLLECTIONS COMMITTEE**

**SUBJECT: ACCESSION OF INDIGENOUS AND HISTORICAL ARTIFACTS INTO THE  
MUSEUM OF RIVERSIDE PERMANENT COLLECTION**

## **ISSUE:**

Approve the accession of Indigenous and historical artifacts into the Museum of Riverside permanent collection.

## **RECOMMENDATION:**

That the Museum of Riverside Board recommends that City Council approve accession into the permanent collection of Indigenous and historical artifacts.

## **BACKGROUND:**

At its meeting on September 8, 2021, with eight of its twelve members present, the advisory Collections Committee of the Museum unanimously supported a recommendation to accession fourteen objects made by nine Indigenous tribes into the permanent collection.

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At its meeting on October 13, 2021, with eleven of its twelve members present, the advisory Collections Committee of the Museum supported a recommendation to accession one 1920s silk dress and one pair of 1920s shoes into the permanent collection. Two members opposed and one abstained.

## **DISCUSSION:**

Fourteen Indigenous artifacts from a single donor were made by the Southwest Apache Tribes, Great Basin Indigenous Peoples, Hoopa Valley Tribe, Makah Tribe, Panamint Tribe, Pomo Tribe, Southern Paiute Tribe, Tohono O'odham Nation, and Washoe Tribe. The artifacts enrich existing mission-relevant collections and are accompanied by strong provenance.

Three artifacts relating to the then-named Riverside Theatre include two usher badges and one commemorative metal ticket. The artifacts were donated by the son of the original owner, who included a photograph of his father in his usher's uniform.

The 1920s beaded silk dress and accompanying shoes have a Riverside provenance and are in good condition. The dress and shoes augment the historic clothing collection in areas where the collection is not strong.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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## Indigenous artifacts



Pine  
Needle  
Brush

Great Basin



Woven  
Basket  
from  
Hoop Valley

Hoop Valley tribe



Panamint  
1920's  
Gift Bag  
From  
King Marks

Panamint tribe



Panamint  
1920's  
Gift Bag  
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Panamint tribe



Pomo tribe



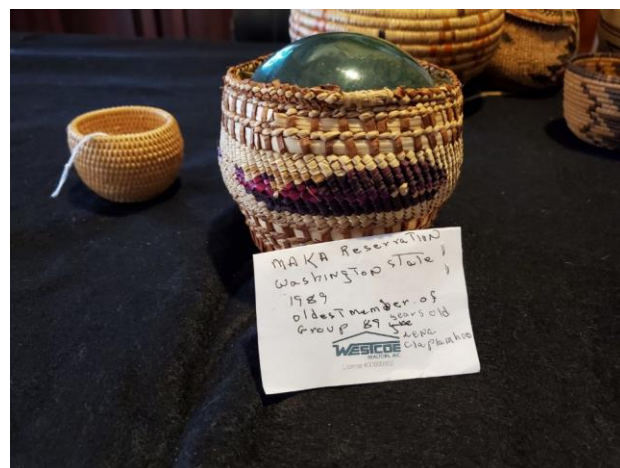
Southern Paiute tribe



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Washoe tribe



Makah tribe



Tohono O'odham (left); SW Apache (right)



