



City of Arts & Innovation

City Council Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL DATE: MARCH 24, 2026
FROM: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT WARDS: ALL
SUBJECT: MUSEUM DEPARTMENT OVERVIEW

ISSUE:

Receive a presentation providing an overview of the activities of the Museum Department.

RECOMMENDATION:

That the City Council receive a presentation providing an overview of the activities of the Museum Department.

BACKGROUND:

The main facility of the Museum Department, which operates as the Museum of Riverside, has been closed since September 2017. Since that time, behind-the-scenes operational improvements have occurred, a major project to rehabilitate and expand the downtown site has moved to the construction stage, and staff have achieved impressive reach into the community with diverse programming in many locations. Architecture planning has advanced notably toward the first-time opening of the National Historic Landmark Harada House.

The last Museum Department Overview was presented to City Council on April 8, 2025.

DISCUSSION:

The attached presentation includes an overview of the Museum's activities over the past year.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no fiscal impact associated with this report.

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Attachment: Museum Overview Presentation