



Memorandum

TO: HONORABLE MAYOR
AND COUNCIL

FROM: Councilmember Magdalena Carrasco
Councilmember Maya Esparza

SUBJECT: SEE BELOW

DATE: January 24, 2020

Approved by:

Maya Esparza

Date: 1/24/2020

**SUBJECT: HISTORIC RESOURCES SERVICES CONSULTANT MASTER
AGREEMENTS**

RECOMMENDATION

1. Accept staff update and recommendations.
2. Ask staff to bring back the inventory of historic murals to City Council.
3. Identify any carryover funds to provide proactive historical research on assets in underserved low-income communities to preserve the untold stories in San José.

BACKGROUND

The City's Historic Preservation Officer (Juliet Arroyo) is initiating a comprehensive update to the City's Historic Resources Inventory (HRI) through a Citywide Historic Resources Survey effort to be completed over time based on priority areas, property types, historic periods, neighborhoods, etc., across our City.

She has identified several important themes, geographic areas, property types, and historic periods that have been under-surveyed, surveyed using out of date methodologies, or never surveyed before, but should be considered for potential historic identification.

The City's prior survey work has not fully considered important themes, periods, property types, and potential resources associated with the City's various population and immigrant groups who have been under-represented but have contributed to the history,

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economic viability, development patterns, and local institutions throughout the City including unincorporated and incorporated Santa Clara County communities that are today within the City's boundary.

Thank you staff, especially Officer Juliet Arroyo, for her work with our offices and the community in working on providing historic designation of Chicano murals in the City of San José.

Early work with the community in identifying historic Chicano murals associated with the Chicano movement and local people, places, and institutions has resulted in a working context statement, and listing of seven Chicano murals (circa 1960 to 1993) on the City's Historic Resources Inventory in October 2019. Although the Historic Resource Inventory is only an identification list, future treatment plans and preservation efforts can be developed in a second phase to identification.

Because identifying cultural assets such as chicano murals in underserved communities can be a difficult thing to do, a final presentation to Council would help expand the public's opportunity for comment and assistance.

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