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March 4, 2004

City Council  
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

**SUBJECT: SUPPORT FOR LOCATING THE NEW CALIFORNIA INDIAN  
CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM WITHIN THE CITY OF  
SACRAMENTO**

**LOCATION AND COUNCIL DISTRICT:** Lower American River between Cal Expo  
and the Sacramento River, Citywide

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommends that the City Council, by resolution (p. 4):

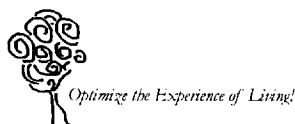
- ▶ Support locating the new California Indian Cultural Center and Museum within the City of Sacramento, and
- ▶ The City Council direct staff to work with the State of California to identify a possible site for the Center on the Lower American River between Cal Expo and the confluence of the Sacramento River.

**CONTACT PERSON:** Robert G. Overstreet, Director of Parks and Recreation, 264-1190

**FOR COUNCIL MEETING:** March 23, 2004

**SUMMARY:**

The California Department of Parks and Recreation and the California Indian Cultural Center and Museum Task Force conducted a site search for the new California Indian Cultural Center and Museum. The new Center is envisioned to be a world class facility honoring the traditions and contemporary expressions of all California Indians. It is recommended that City Council direct staff to assist the State in identifying an appropriate site on the Lower American River Parkway, between Cal Expo and the confluence of the Sacramento River.



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**COMMITTEE/COMMISSION ACTION:**

Not applicable.

**BACKGROUND INFORMATION:**

The California Indian Cultural Center and Museum is being developed in collaboration with the State of California and California Indian Tribes. The Center will honor the diversity and history of the tribes through contemporary activities and will promote research and education for those who use the Center, either on site or remotely. The Center will also house the state's extensive collection of Indian cultural objects.

The California Indian Cultural Center and Museum Task Force, in collaboration with the State of California Department of Parks and Recreation, solicited letters of interest from cities, counties, and other entities for potential sites suitable to develop the Center. The Lower American River Parkway is one of the desired sites in which to locate the Center.

The Lower American River Parkway between Cal Expo and the confluence of the Sacramento River provides an ideal site for the California Indian Cultural Center and Museum. This area offers much Native American history and heritage with several archeological sites located along the river. Tribes such as the Miwok, Nisenan, and Maiduan have made their homes along the rivers as far back as 4,500 years ago. Staff recommends that City Council direct a review of the Lower American River Parkway between Cal Expo and the confluence of the Sacramento River in order to locate a site for the new California Indian Cultural Center and Museum.

**FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:**

No financial considerations are associated with this report. A specific location has not yet been determined. Development of the site would be funded by the California Department of Parks and Recreation, Proposition 40 funds, and a non-profit foundation to be developed by the State.

**POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:**

This action supports the City of Sacramento General Plan Conservation Element, and Smart Growth Principles, to preserve natural beauty and open space, critical environmental areas, promote livable communities, and cultivate passive recreation opportunities. The recommended actions also support the City's Strategic Plan goals of establishing and strengthening regional partnerships to enhance the quality of life, and preserving neighborhoods, urban forest, parks and recreation.

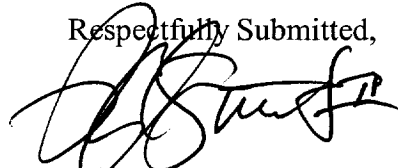
It is the intent of this recommendation that development of the Center be consistent with the Lower American River Parkway principles and flood control guidelines.

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**ESBD CONSIDERATIONS:**

No goods or services are being requested with this report.

Respectfully Submitted,



ROBERT G. OVERSTREET  
Director of Parks and Recreation

**RECOMMENDATION APPROVED:**

ROBERT P. THOMAS  
City Manager

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**RESOLUTION NO.**

ADOPTED BY THE SACRAMENTO CITY COUNCIL

ON DATE OF: \_\_\_\_\_

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING LOCATING  
THE NEW CALIFORNIA INDIAN CULTURAL CENTER AND MUSEUM  
WITHIN THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO**

**BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SACRAMENTO:**

1. The City Council hereby supports locating the new California Indian Cultural Center and Museum within the City of Sacramento, and
2. Directs staff to work with the State of California to identify a possible site for the Center on the Lower American River between Cal Expo and the confluence of the Sacramento River.

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MAYOR

ATTEST:

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CITY CLERK

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