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Budget and Finance Committee
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Reorganization of the Museum and History Commission

SUMMARY

This report provides information regarding the jointly supported City/County Metropolitan Arts Commission and Museum and History Commission. This report recommends that the Budget and Finance Committee approve this report and refer it to the full City Council for action. Further, it is recommended that City Council, by resolution, direct staff to develop a plan for the reorganization of the Museum and History Commission.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The City and County jointly provide operational funding for the City of Sacramento's Metropolitan Arts and Museum and History divisions. Concerns have recently been raised as to the benefit of the work of the Metropolitan Arts and Museum and History Commissions within the unincorporated areas of the County.

The Museum and History Division consists of Commission activities such as fund raising, preservation, and research, as well as the special facilities of the Sacramento History Center and the Sacramento Science Center. The concerns expressed have not been raised with the History Center or the Science Center as these are regional special facilities. The attendance figures for these facilities demonstrate service to the entire Sacramento region:

1987-88 Attendance/%

	<u>City</u>	<u>County</u>	<u>Other</u>	<u>Total</u>
Sacramento History Center	28,253/35%	20,180/25%	32,289/40%	80,722
Sacramento Science Center	23,180/38%	28,670/47%	9,150/15%	61,000

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On the basis of the concerns expressed, staff recommends that both the Commissions undergo a re-evaluation of:

- Membership structure of the Commissions;
- Annual work plan development procedures; and
- The ordinances establishing the Commissions.

The focus of the evaluation will include goals and objectives to strengthen services in the unincorporated areas of the County and the City/County partnership with both Commissions.

This report presents staff's action to date on the Museum and History Commission. A separate report regarding the Metropolitan Arts Commission will be submitted at a later date.

Museum and History Commission

The Sacramento Museum and History Commission and its predecessor were established over 34 years ago. The Sacramento Museum and History Commission is a nine member commission appointed by the Sacramento City Council and the Sacramento County Board of Supervisors. The City and County have charged the Commission with specific responsibilities: (1) promote preservation; (2) accept donations of historic value; (3) designate historic sites and landmarks; (4) prepare preservation programs; (5) establish a historic museum in Old Sacramento; (6) engage in research; and (7) submit reports to the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

On August 18, 1988, the Board of Supervisors requested the staff of the Museum and History Division to prepare a proposal for the reorganization of the Sacramento Museum and History Commission. Additionally, it was requested that staff develop a plan for a Sacramento County Awards Program for History and Science. The Board requested a status report on the reorganization in October with a final reorganization plan and proposed Awards Program for action in early 1989. This timeline has been delayed by the unanticipated move this fall of the Museum and History Division offices, from rental office space to City Hall.

Staff action to date on the proposed reorganization and awards program includes meeting with the Commission and working with a committee of commission members to formulate a work plan for the proposed reorganization. Currently, the proposal being developed is for a Sacramento Commission for History and Science. The consensus, in concurrence with the Board's direction, is to provide an expanded 15-member commission with a broad representational base both geographically and within the numerous community interest groups. The awards program for history and science will be developed on the same model as the Metropolitan Arts Commission's County Cultural Awards. Through the Cultural Awards Program, each year the County appropriates funds to the Metropolitan Arts Commission to be distributed for performing and fine arts projects throughout the County.

Next Steps

Staff will, prior to preparation of a final report for the City Council and Board of Supervisors, develop an agenda and coordinate meetings with the following groups:

- Existing Sacramento Museum and History Commission;
- Sacramento History Center Association Board of Directors;
- Sacramento Science Center Board of Directors;
- A wide variety of community interest groups;
- Representatives of the educational community.

From the input of those groups the staff will finalize proposals for the restructuring of the Commission and a Sacramento County awards program for history and science.

The timeline for the above includes holding meetings with the above groups through February, producing the final proposal, and reporting to the City Council and Board of Supervisors for approval of the reorganization and awards program plans by mid-April, 1989.

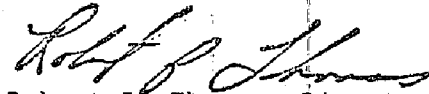
FINANCIAL DATA

No city funds are required.

RECOMMENDATION

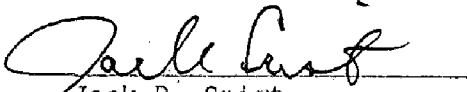
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Respectfully submitted,



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Recommendation Approved:



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January 31, 1989
All Districts

RESOLUTION No.

Adopted by The Sacramento City Council on date of

**RESOLUTION DIRECTING PARKS AND COMMUNITY SERVICES
STAFF TO DEVELOP A PLAN FOR THE REORGANIZATION OF
THE MUSEUM AND HISTORY COMMISSION**

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

That in order to better serve the unincorporated areas of the County, Parks and Community Services staff is hereby directed to develop a plan for the reorganization of the Museum and History Commission.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK