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SUBJECT: Status of the Sacramento History Center

SUMMARY

This report is provided by the Board of Trustees of Sacramento History Center, Inc., to inform the City Council on the development progress of the Sacramento History Center. The Trustees request the continued support of the City Council and Board of Supervisors.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION

The last report, dated July 23, 1980, was presented to the Budget Finance Committee and forwarded to the full Council by the Committee Chairman. That report focused upon the feasibility study conducted by Grenzebach and Associates for Sacramento History Center, Inc., relative to the fund raising potential of the Center. The results of the study were positive and suggested that the goal of \$1,500,000 was attainable and that the capital fund drive should begin after January, 1981.

CURRENT ACTIVITIES AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Board of Trustees is proud to announce that Herbert S. Rodebaugh, a highly respected Sacramento community leader, has agreed to chair the capital fund drive for Sacramento History Center, Inc. Under such leadership the Board of Trustees is confident of reaching its goal of \$1,500,000.

Sacramento History Center, Inc., has been honored by a \$500,000 gift from the McClatchy Newspapers for a memorial gallery to Miss Eleanor McClatchy. In addition, the McClatchy Foundation has donated Miss McClatchy's historic printing collection to the City of Sacramento, Museum and History

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Division, for use in the memorial gallery.

The McClatchy collection is perhaps the most extensive and finest accumulation of gold rush newspapers, prints and lithographs, maps of the gold fields, diaries, correspondence, and letter sheets in private ownership. It is rich with rare and exceptionally valuable artifacts and documents, focusing primarily upon the Sacramento region, the Mother Lode, and Northern California.

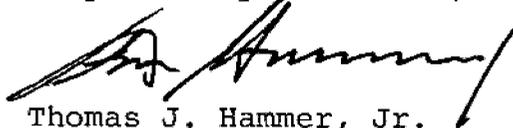
CONCLUSION AND RECOMMENDATION

The Board of Trustees has received the necessary support and seed money to immediately launch a capital fund drive for \$1,500,000. We are confident that our goal will be met and that the Sacramento History Center will be opened to the public in 1982.

We also believe that it is essential for the architect and exhibition design work to begin immediately and to progress simultaneously with the activities of the capital fund drive so that potential contributors can witness the development of the institution for which we are asking their support.

We know that the City Council and County Board of Supervisors are anxious to see construction underway and we ask your continued support of this worthwhile project. Our specific request at this time is to authorize the immediate preparation of the necessary architectural and design plans.

Respectfully Submitted,



Thomas J. Hammer, Jr.
President

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