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DEPARTMENT OF
ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES
BUDGET AND POLICY REVIEW

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
CALIFORNIA

June 23, 1999

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City Council
Sacramento, California

Honorable Members in Session:

SUBJECT: Museum of Tolerance

LOCATION/COUNCIL DISTRICT: Citywide

RECOMMENDATION:

It is recommended that the City Council adopt the attached resolution that appropriates \$100,000 for an initial planning of a Museum of Tolerance.

CONTACT PERSON: Robert P. Thomas, City Manager, 264-5704
Michael McGrane, Budget Manager, 264-5847

FOR CITY COUNCIL MEETING OF: June 29, 1999

SUMMARY:

This report recommends that funding be provided for a site research and other preliminary studies.

COMMITTEE / COMMISSION ACTION:

None.

BACKGROUND:

On June 18, 1999, three Sacramento Area Synagogues were attacked by arsonists. The fires, all set between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., destroyed the library and adjoining offices and partially destroyed the sanctuary at Congregation B'nai Israel in Land Park; virtually destroyed the Keneset Israel Torah Center on Morse Avenue, and caused extensive damage to Congregation Beth Shalom on El Camino Avenue. Damage is estimated to be at nearly \$1 million.

In 1993 fire-bombings damaged several area organization structures and the home of Councilmember Jimmie Yee.

The concept of this museum would be to educate children and adults against the hatred that spawned the recent arson attacks and the firebombings that occurred in 1993. Bigotry will be attacked through education.

FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There has been wide support for this project from the State, City, and private donations. The \$100,000 funding for the initial planning would come from the 1999-00 General Fund Administrative Contingency. The Administrative Contingency reserve starts the 1999-00 Fiscal Year at \$1.3 million with an additional \$2.8 million in reserves to offset deviations in the 5 Year Plan.

POLICY CONSIDERATIONS:

This project is consistent with the Council's priority

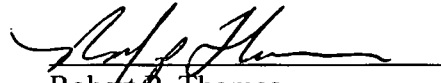
ENVIRONMENTAL CONSIDERATIONS:

Not applicable.

ESBD EFFORTS

This report does not involve the specific purchase of goods or services.

Respectfully submitted,



Robert F. Thomas
City Manager

AMENDED

RESOLUTION NO. 99-388

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ON DATE OF _____

**RESOLUTION SUPPORTING THE INITIAL PLANNING OF
A MUSEUM OF TOLERANCE**

WHEREAS, in the pre-dawn hours of Friday, June 18, 1999, three Sacramento Area synagogues were attacked by arsonists. The fires, all set between 3:00 a.m. and 4:00 a.m., destroyed the library and adjoining offices and partially destroyed the sanctuary at Congregation B'nai Israel located in the Land Park area of the City of Sacramento and the oldest synagogue in the western United States; virtually destroyed the Keneset Israel Torah Center on Morse Avenue, and caused extensive damage to Congregation Beth Shalom on El Camino Avenue; and

WHEREAS, these pre-dawn fires represent one of the worst acts of anti-Semitism in recent American history; and

WHEREAS, the entire Sacramento Community, Jews and non-Jews alike, have risen in unity to denounce these crimes, to support the Jewish community in its hour of need and to rebuild the three synagogues bigger and better than ever; and

WHEREAS, in response to this horrible hate crime, Mayor Joe Serna, Jr. has proposed to create a regional "**Museum of Tolerance**" in Sacramento; and

WHEREAS, Governor Gray Davis, members of Congress, members of the State Legislature, the Sacramento City Council, Board of Supervisors and members of the religious community, law enforcement, the business community, labor and other community groups and individuals have vowed to work cooperatively to create such a regional center of understanding; and

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WHEREAS, the mission of the museum will be to attack bigotry through education and to demonstrate to young people and adults their obligations to live with people of differing views and differing faiths; and

WHEREAS, the museum will be a place to teach the intrinsic value of tolerance, where there will be lectures and discussions and where people of all races, colors, creeds, nationalities, religions, ethnic groups, genders, sexual orientation, cultures and lifestyles can come together in peace and understanding.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, by the Mayor and Council of the City of Sacramento, that we hereby denounce the criminal and cowardly acts against our community, and as leaders of the City of Sacramento resolve to lead the effort to bring those involved to justice and to create a "**Museum of Tolerance**" (or Center of Acceptance) to combat hatred and bigotry and to promote unity and understanding, and do hereby pledge \$100,000 to begin planning such a museum.

MAYOR

ATTEST:

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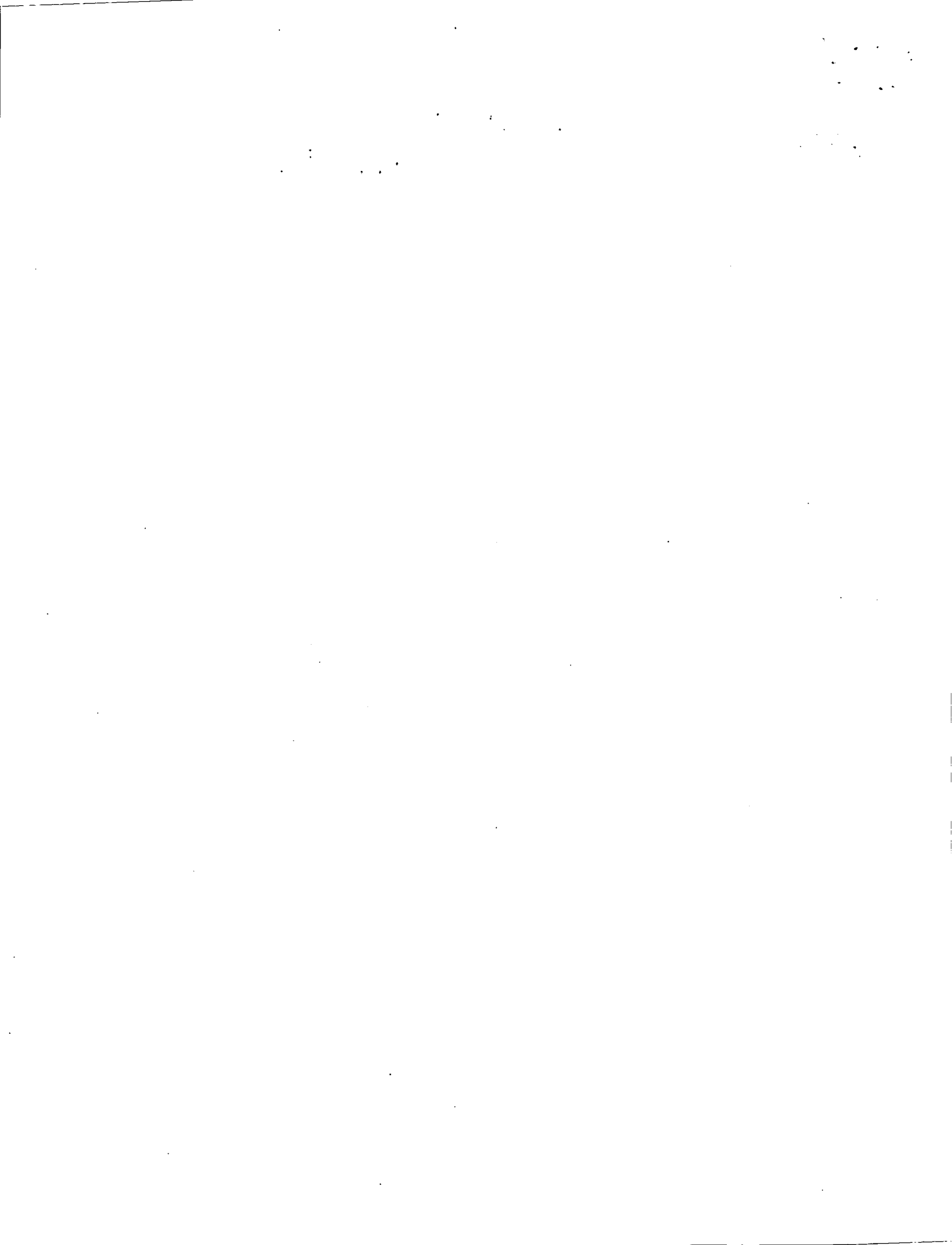
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*Gifts to Share / Museum of Tolerance
Sacramento Unity Fund
(for all 3 Temples)
B'nai Israel Building Fund
+ K.A.T. B.S. Bldg. Fund*

Speakers:

*Assemblyman Darrell Steinberg
Rabbi Brad Bloom
Sandice Field, Jewish Fed.
Mark Carroll, SCRC
Dexter McNamara, Interfaith
Bates Botting, Service Bureau
Lori Fujimoto, (Asian Community)
Dennis Wangers, Nat'l Japanese Amer. Citizen League (NAJAL)
Lou Arapolsky, Pres. B'nai Israel
Margie Covino, Human Rts. + Fair Housing Comm.
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