



**CONSENT CALENDAR**

**Agenda Item # 2**

**AGENDA REPORT SUMMARY**

**Meeting Date:** September 10, 2019

**Subject:** Resolution No 2019-40: History Museum Grant Application

**Prepared by:** Donna Legge, Recreation & Community Services Director

**Approved by:** Chris Jordan, City Manager

**Attachment(s):**

1. Resolution No. 2019-40

**Initiated by:**

Los Altos History Museum Executive Director Elisabeth Ward

**Previous Council Consideration:**

None

**Fiscal Impact:**

None

**Environmental Review:**

Categorically Exempt Section 15301 Existing Facilities

**Policy Question(s) for Council Consideration:**

- Does the Council wish to support the History Museum grant application?

**Summary:**

- The project is a collaborative effort
- The project will be not requiring funds from the City of Los Altos
- The project will benefit the greater community and be an added attraction for locals and visitors

**Staff Recommendation:**

Adopt Resolution No. 2019-40 approving the Los Altos History Museum's application for a County of Santa Clara County Historic grant for the Los Altos History Museum Historical Figures in Los Altos Exhibit project; delegating authority to the Los Altos History Museum Executive Director to sign and submit the grant application to the County of Santa Clara, sign the grant agreement and administer the project on behalf of the City of Los Altos; and committing the project property to the project for a period of at least twenty years.

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**Reviewed By:**

City Manager

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City Attorney

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Finance Director

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### **Purpose**

To support Los Altos History Museum to secure grant funding and approve proposed improvements

### **Background**

The Board of Supervisors of the County of Santa Clara established the Historic Grant Program (HGP) in 2018 with the purpose of celebrating history in Santa Clara County with a preference for Projects that acknowledge and celebrate untold stories and/or underrepresented/disadvantaged communities. Five million dollars in matching funds is available for FY 2019, with \$1 million allocated to each of the five Supervisorial Districts in Santa Clara County. The Board awards grants on a competitive basis and may award an amount that is different from the amount requested. The Project must be completed within three (3) years of the date of Board grant award.

### **Discussion/Analysis**

The Los Altos History Museum is proposing to create a new dynamic and inclusive permanent exhibit to include short videos of historical underrepresented individuals. Four documentaries will encapsulate the range of influences that have shaped northern Santa Clara County. Each compelling narrative will be displayed on kiosks in the permanent exhibit. Visitors will also be able to record their own experiences, adding to the tapestry of the evolving community. The goal is to celebrate diversity and create feelings of a shared purpose. The Los Altos History Museum will request grant funding in the amount of \$175,000. Each documentary is estimated to cost \$40,000.

### **Options**

- 1) Adopt Resolution No. 2019-40, approving the Los Altos History Museum's application for a County of Santa Clara County Historic grant for the Los Altos History Museum Historical Figures in Los Altos Exhibit project in the city of Los Altos; delegating authority to the Los Altos History Museum Executive Director to sign and submit the grant application to the County of Santa Clara; sign the grant agreement and administer the project on behalf of the City of Los Altos; and, committing the project property to the project for a period of at least twenty years.

**Advantages:** Provide an upgrade to the existing Los Altos History Museum, keeping it relevant and inclusive

**Disadvantages:** None identified

- 2) Do not Adopt Resolution No. 2019-40

**Advantages:** None identified



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**Disadvantages:** Miss opportunity to make improvements and attract visitors

**Recommendation**

The staff recommends Option 1.

**RESOLUTION NO. 2019-40**

**A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS APPROVING LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUMS's APPLICATION FOR A COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA HISTORIC GRANT FOR STORIES OF DIVERSITY: A MULTIMEDIA PROJECT AT THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM; DELEGATING AUTHORITY TO THE LOS ALTOS HISTORY MUSEUM EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR AND SUBMIT THE GRANT APPLICATION TO THE COUNTY OF SANTA CLARA; SIGN THE GRANT AGREEMENT AND ADMINISTER THE PROJECT ON BEHALF OF THE CITY OF LOS ALTOS; AND, COMMITTING THE PROJECT PROPERTY TO THE PROJECT USE FOR A PERIOD OF AT LEAST TWENTY YEARS**

**WHEREAS**, the County of Santa Clara (“County”) has established the Historic Grant Program to acknowledge and celebrate untold perspectives of underrepresented communities within Santa Clara County (“Grant Program”); and

**WHEREAS**, the County funds the Grant Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the Los Altos History Museum (the “Applicant”) submitted a Grant Application to the County in order to seek Grant Program funds for the following Project: Stories of Diversity - A Multimedia Experience (the “Project”); and

**WHEREAS**, the PROJECT will be located at 51 South San Antonio Road (the “Property”), and said Property is owned or controlled by the City of Los Altos (the “Property Holder”); and

**WHEREAS**, the PROJECT will be displayed in a structure that will be continually used for a minimum of 20 years and be open to all Santa Clara county residents on a non-discriminatory basis; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property Holder has granted permission (consent) to the Applicant to use the Property for the PROJECT for the period of time (“Term”) set out in the Grant Application, and said consent is evidenced by the attached agreement granting such rights to the Applicant (Attachment 1); and

**WHEREAS**, Applicant is required pursuant to the Historic Grant Program Procedural Guide to designate a legally authorized representative to administer the PROJECT and to execute the Grant Agreement, along with any amendments thereto, on behalf of the Applicant.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the City of Los Altos hereby makes the following determinations:

1. The PROJECT is located on the Property that will be continually used for the PROJECT for the Term as set out in the Grant Application;
2. The City of Los Altos hereby delegates authority to the Executive Director of the Los Altos History Museum, to sign and submit the Grant Application to the County of Santa Clara, to

negotiate, execute, amend, or terminate the Grant Funding Agreement (“Grant Agreement”) and any other agreements in relation to the Historic Grant Program, and authority to administer and carry out all terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and related agreements including but not limited to taking any all other necessary actions to complete the PROJECT.

3. By delegating such authority to the Executive Director of the Los Altos History Museum, the City of Los Altos acknowledges, agrees, represents and warrants that the execution of the Grant Agreement and any and all other agreements or amendments by the Executive Director binds and obligates the City of Los Altos to comply with all terms and conditions of such agreements, without the necessity of additional approvals or conditions.
4. The City of Los Altos has had the opportunity to seek the advice of its own legal counsel and other professionals in connection with the Grant Agreement and the Historic Grant Program Procedural Guide.
5. The City of Los Altos agrees that the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement and the requirements of the Historic Grant Program Procedural Guide are acceptable, and the City of Los Altos is ready, willing and able to carry out the terms and conditions of the Grant Agreement without any amendment thereto.

**NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED**, that the City Council of the City of Los Altos hereby approves the Grant Application submitted on its behalf to the County of Santa Clara in relation to the PROJECT and the request for Grant Funds.

**I HEREBY CERTIFY** that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of a Resolution passed and adopted by the City Council of the City of Los Altos at a meeting thereof on the 10<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2019 by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

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Lynette Lee Eng, MAYOR

Attest:

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Jon Maginot, CMC, CITY CLERK