



OFFICE OF THE CITY CLERK

ARCHIVES, ACCESS AND PRESERVATION PROGRAM

ACCOMPLISHMENTS

July 2023-January 2024



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- Ensuring their care and accessibility
- Connecting the present with the past for the future
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1,195 magnetic reel to reel to MP3 format conversion of City Council Meetings from 1964 through 1979.

This totals approximately **491,851** items uploaded since the launch of the City Clerk Digital Archives in 2015.





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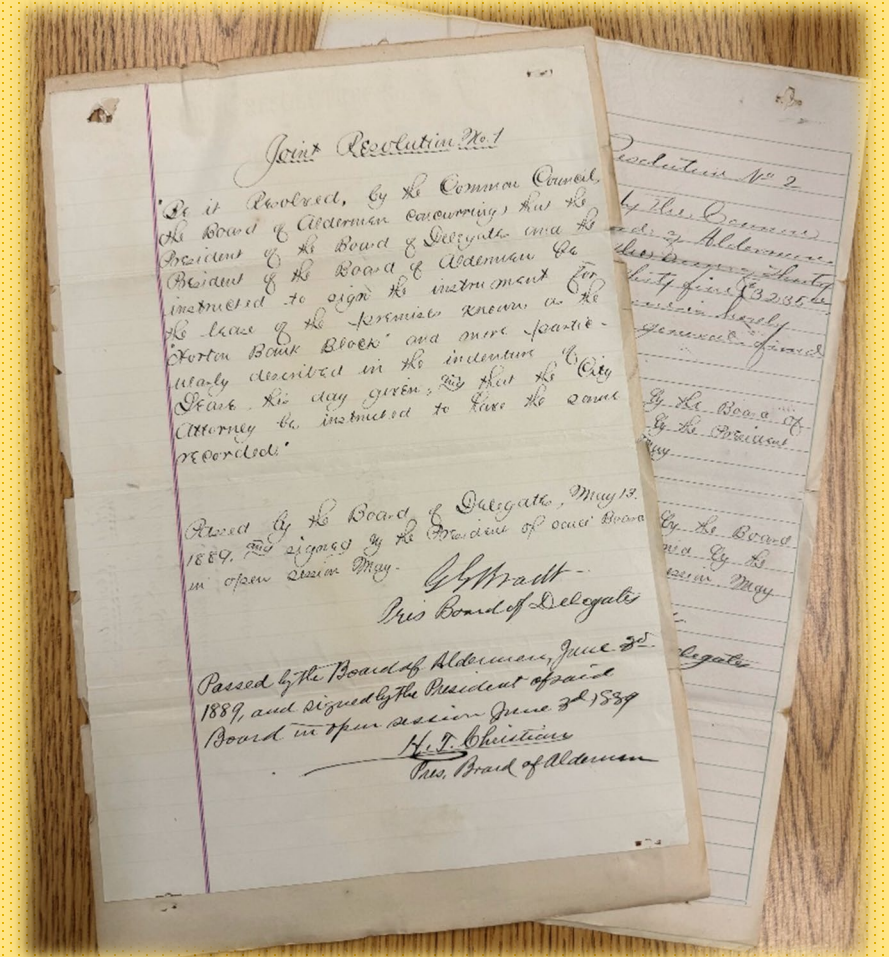
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2 Resolutions



This impactful resolution project started in 2017 is aimed at bridging archival gaps. To date 36,802 resolutions have been preserved through digitization.

Closing the gap in historical records and digitizing them, including resolutions, not only preserves our collective heritage but also empowers present and future generations with comprehensive insights into our past, fostering informed decision-making, understanding, and a stronger sense of identity and continuity.



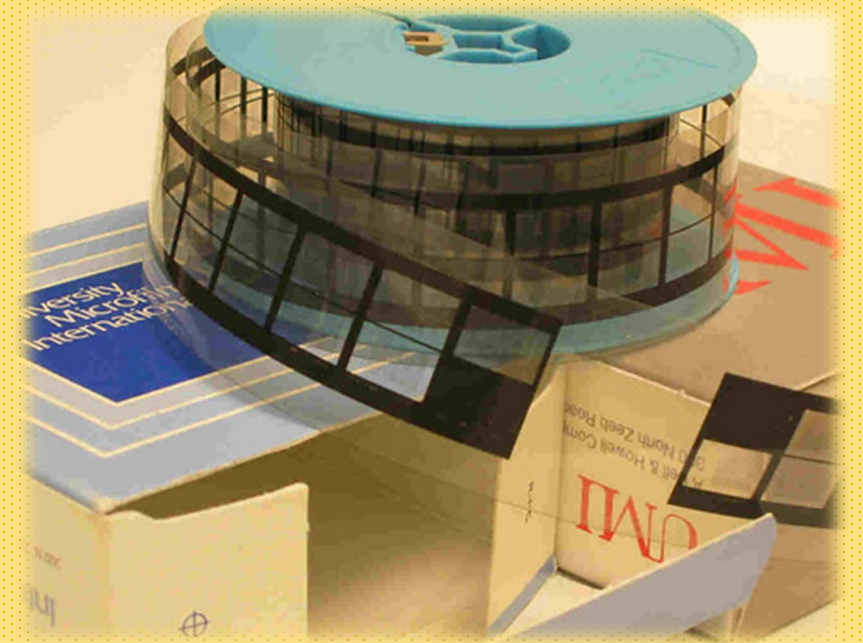
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Additionally, the microfilm rescan project aims to digitize the Resolution Microfilm collection, with rigorous quality control measures in place.

Approximately 7,287 pages, totaling 489 hours of work, have been quality controlled, representing 42% completion. This effort prioritizes archival best practices by re-digitizing poor-quality images.

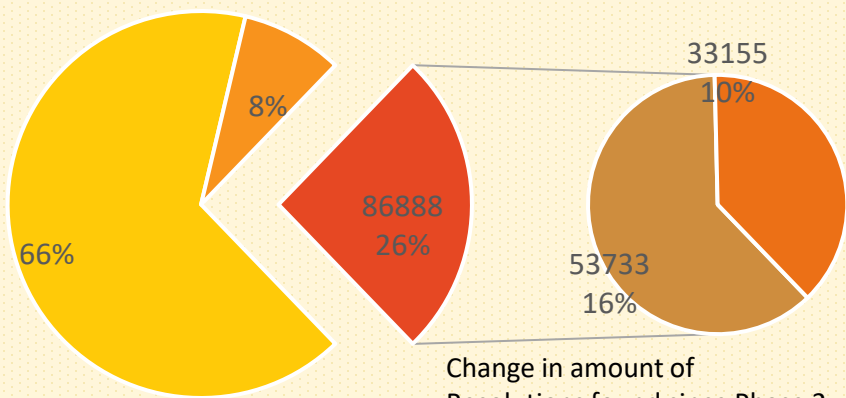


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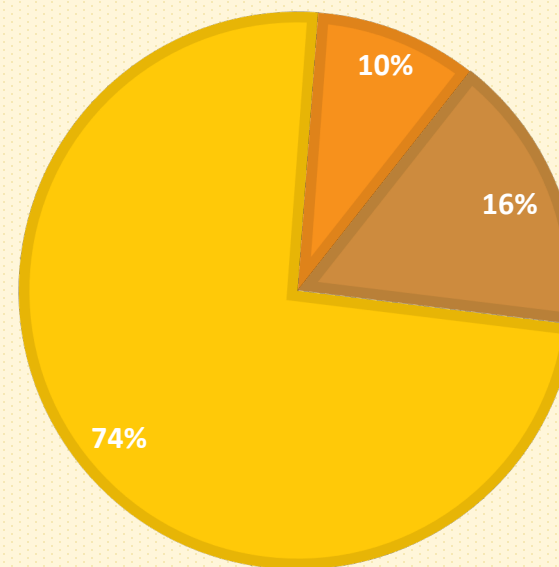


Change in amount of Resolutions found since Phase 2 launch, the Hunt for Original Resolutions

■ Have ■ Error ■ Missing ■ Found

ORIGINAL INVENTORY OF RESOLUTIONS IN 2023-24

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Collection Expansion

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- Torrey Pines Lodge collection added to the Communities Collection.

August 2023

- Official Publication of the "Panama California International Exposition, San Diego 1916" added to the Balboa Park Collections

October 2023

- USS Bennington Disaster (including image and documents)
- City Clerk's 5th Annual Archives Month documents, 1935-36 Exposition Exhibit.
- Libro de Ordenanzas added to Statehood Collections.

November 2023

- Old San Diego Plans for Development, 1946
- City of San Diego Health Department First Annual Report, 1888
- Lecture Series launched! Lectures generously shared from our fellow repositories are posted for free public access.

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Historical Images 

Integrated use of secure digital platform that can be used to present images online. This platform allows us to tag image attributes and descriptive metadata to historical photos. Approximately 100 historical images have been completed to date.

Implementation of metadata indexing for photos improves searchability and usability of archival resources.





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Successfully held 14 tours of the archives for internal and external stakeholders, fostering community engagement and appreciation for archival heritage.

"Our team thoroughly enjoyed our tour of the City Archives. It is amazing the way we have the history of our City preserved through documents, maps, and other primary sources. I am thankful for the way that the Archives supports our City's ability to tell the stories of the many individuals and communities that make San Diego what it is. In partnership with the City Clerk, our team is looking forward to examining history from multiple perspectives, which includes exploring the intricate history of systemic racism within the City of San Diego." -Lisa Ann Kim, Dept of Race & Equity



"Wow! This photo quality is amazing. So cool to see what it looked like back then." -4th grade student





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5th Annual Archives Month

Curated an archival exhibit for the “City Clerk’s 5th Annual Archives Month” with a focus on the impact of the "1935-36 California Pacific International Exposition," enhancing its online presence through content creation for an evergreen video and physical exhibits. Collaborated with the North Park Historical Society and the Klicka Family.



Archives Month 2023

TREASURES OF
1935-36
CALIFORNIA
PACIFIC
INTERNATIONAL
EXPOSITION

City Clerk Archives

Oct | 2-16 th | 2023



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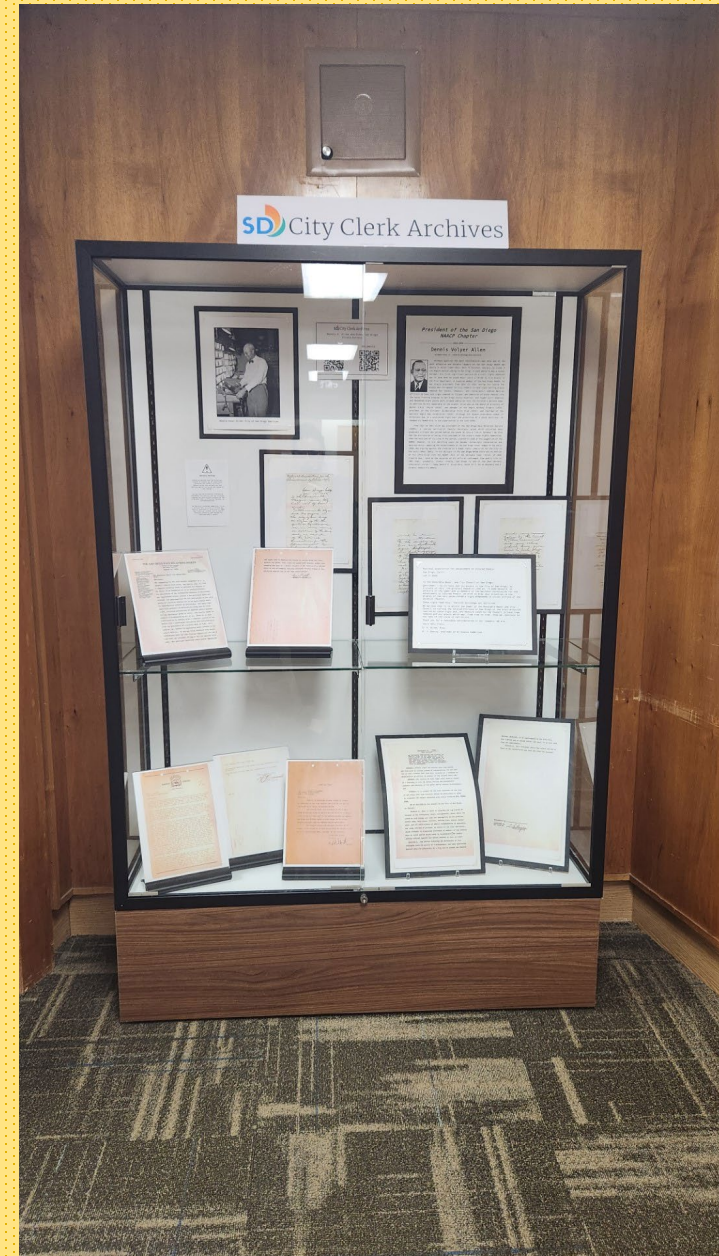
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More Information: [Kishiwada Danjiri Festival](#) | [Discover Kansai](#) | [OSAKA-INFO](#)



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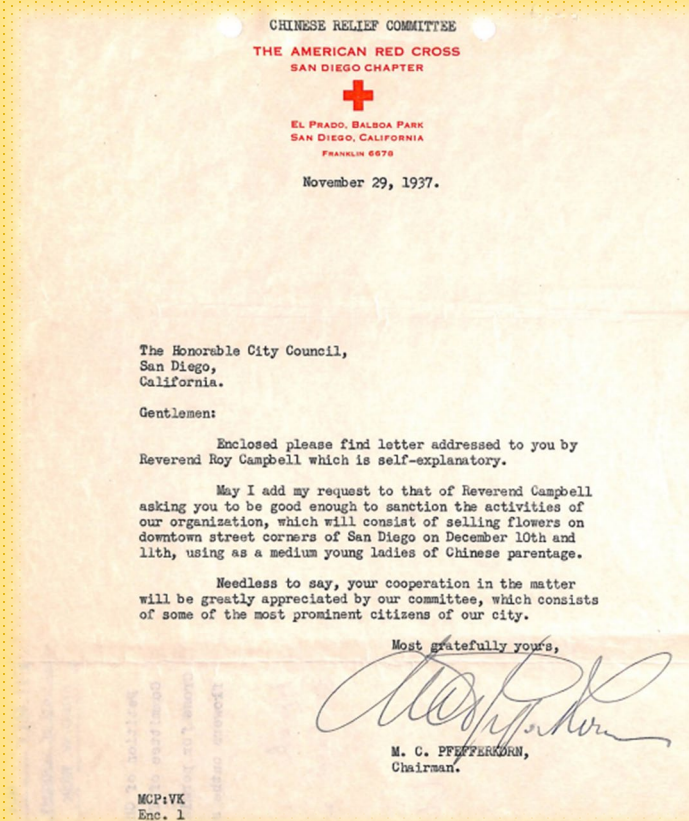
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In their duties, staff often find unique and interesting pieces of history they want to bring to the public. Those documents are uploaded [here](#) and then organized into their appropriate Collection, or a new Collection is created. You can check back frequently for fascinating new finds and discoveries!



This petition proposed by the Chinese Relief Committee of the American Red Cross in 1937 aimed to fundraise by selling flowers on the streets to relieve the women and children of China under the distress of war.



Photo of the Data Processing personnel in the City Administration Building basement in 1968. IBM 360 computer, teletype interface, and hard drives were in use.



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Thank you for
your continued
support

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