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City of San Diego — District Three

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### **San Diego Accepts Grant for LGBTQ Historic Study**

#### ***Local Sites of Historic LGBTQ Significance to be Studied with State Grant Funds***

SAN DIEGO, CA (July 28, 2015) – Councilmember Todd Gloria announced the San Diego City Council took action today to kick off a study of local lesbian, gay, bisexual, transgender, and queer (LGBTQ) significance thanks to a state grant. The City Council voted to accept a Certified Local Government Grant of \$30,000 from the State of California Office of Historic Preservation to complete a historic context statement associated with the city's LGBTQ community. Lambda Archives advocated for the city to apply for the grant.

**“Members of the LGBTQ community have helped shaped San Diego, and this study will provide the city with critical information about the sites where pivotal events have occurred,”** said Councilmember Gloria.

The San Diego LGBTQ Historic Context Statement will provide a broad historical overview on the growth of gay and lesbian identities, communities, and politics in San Diego and focus on themes and geographic areas associated with known resources. The Context will be in a succinct format to provide guidance to staff and the public in identifying and evaluating potential historic resources relating to San Diego's LGBTQ history, but is not intended to be a definitive history of LGBTQ San Diego.

The Context will assist city staff and the public in identifying resources significant to LGBTQ history in San Diego. The information collected may be used to guide land use decisions, conduct environmental reviews under CEQA, prioritize preservation goals, develop adaptive reuse and heritage tourism initiatives, educate the public, and increase the understanding of and appreciation for the built environment as a tangible reminder of the community's history, and guide future intensive surveys and designation of historic districts and significant individual sites.

The city will contract with a consultant with expertise in developing historic contexts consistent with the U.S. Secretary of the Interior's Standards. The consultant will complete background research; primary and secondary source research; conduct outreach; and complete a reconnaissance survey of known resources. In conducting outreach, the city's Historic Resources staff and the consultant will develop a social media and outreach strategy to identify individuals and organizations to contact regarding LGBTQ resources in San Diego and to solicit input from the public on important places to be included in the context. The consultant will conduct limited oral interviews with LGBTQ community leaders and individuals with knowledge about the historical resources significant to the community. The city's website will also allow members of the public to provide information on the location and significance of potential resources.

The state grant will be matched with \$20,000 of city resources, including staff time in administering the grant, participating in the development of the context, and editing.

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