



**DATE:** March 21, 2023

**TO:** Mayor and City Council

**FROM:** Director of Library Services

**SUBJECT:** Authorize the City Manager to Accept and Appropriate the Pieces of Art Being Donated to Hayward Public Library by Monica Chan and Dean Quock

### **RECOMMENDATION**

That Council adopts a resolution (Attachment II) authorizing the City Manager to accept and appropriate the pieces of art being donated to Hayward Public Library by Monica Chan and Dean Quock.

### **SUMMARY**

Hayward Public Library received a donation of art pieces from Monica Chan and Dean Quock. There are nine (9) art pieces total, including original art and prints of illustrations for children's books. The pieces of art will be displayed in the Downtown Library's Children's section, at the Weekes Branch, and at the Hayward Airport. Based on the appraisals and invoices provided by the donor, the combined value of the art pieces is \$13,690. Staff requests Council accept and appropriate the pieces of art being donated by Monica Chan and Dean Quock.

### **BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION**

The 21<sup>st</sup> Century Library & Community Learning Center (Downtown Library) in downtown Hayward opened in 2019 and has showcased commissioned art, as well as other permanent and revolving collections of art pieces from the beginning. In partnership with the Hayward Arts Council, Hayward Public Library promotes Hayward as a cultural center and makes art easily accessible to all members of the community.

Recently, Monica Chan and Dean Quock reached out to the Library to donate some art pieces that had belonged to their mother, Joan Marie Chin Quock. These pieces include original art and prints of illustrations from children's books. The family had moved to Hayward in 1980 and the children, Dean and Monica, had spent much time at local museums and libraries, including Hayward Public Library. Joan Marie Chin Quock loved to read, and passed on this love of reading to her children and grandchildren.

Although both Monica and Dean no longer live in Hayward, upon Joan's death in 2020, they felt that making this donation to Hayward Public Library would be a fitting way to honor their mother's legacy. Based on the appraisals and invoices provided by the donors, the combined value of the art pieces is \$13,690.

The current plan is to display eight (8) of the nine (9) the pieces at the Downtown Library's Children's section and at the Weekes Branch. The ninth piece, which depicts the B-25 Raiders led by Lt Col. Jimmy Dolittle in World War II, will be displayed at Hayward Airport. Staff requests Council accept and appropriate the pieces of art being donated by Monica Chan and Dean Quock.

### **STRATEGIC INITIATIVES**

This agenda item is a routine operational item does not relate to a specific Strategic Initiative.

### **FISCAL IMPACT**

There is no negative impact to the General Fund from accepting these art pieces.

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