

State Historical Resources Commission

RESOLUTION NO. 2015-07

Resolution of Recognition

Latino Center for Art and Culture

WHEREAS, in 1972 students at California State University, Sacramento, and the members of Sacramento based Chicano arts collective the Royal Chicano Air Force opened La Raza Bookstore at 1228 F Street in the Alkali Flat neighborhood, intended to carry books on Mexican art, history, literature, anthropology and sociology, becoming the largest and most comprehensive of its type in the nation, and occasionally serving as art exhibition space; and,

WHEREAS, in 1980 La Raza Bookstore expanded into an adjacent commercial space, renamed *La Raza Galeria Posada* in honor of Mexican artist and printmaker Jose Guadalupe Posada, functioning as an art gallery until 1992 when they relocated to the Heilbron Mansion at 8th and O Street, a move facilitated by Royal Chicano Air Force member Joe Serna after his election to mayor of Sacramento; and,

WHEREAS, since 1992 *La Raza Galeria Posada* has transitioned from the Heilbron Mansion to several other locations in Sacramento's central city, and is currently located in Miller Park, as part of the evolution of the gallery and its collection, becoming at its various locations a community meeting place, a source of literature and site for political organizing, exhibition space for countless visual artists of local and national importance, and an active center for art, poetry and music; and,

WHEREAS, in 2015 *La Raza Galeria Posada* renamed itself the Latino Center for Art and Culture to reflect its broader mission as a multi-disciplinary cultural center and public space serving the Sacramento community by offering Latino, Chicano, and Native arts program, art education workshops, and a community gathering space; and,

WHEREAS, since 1972 the Latino Center of Art and Culture's annual activities include *Dia el Niño*, celebrated as a tribute to children in Mexico, *La Fiesta de Frida*, honoring the life and art of Frida Kahlo, commemoration of *Dia de los Muertos* via the annual *Panteon de Sacramento* event, featuring *ofrendas*, performances, and art; and,

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that official recognition on behalf of the State Historical Resources Commission is given to the Latino Center for Art and Culture for its continuing mission to advance, celebrate, and preserve the art and culture of Latino, Chicano, and Native populations for present and future generations, serving the community through education programs, a year-round exhibition series, literary events, musical presentations, performances and community cultural activities; and,

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that this Resolution be recorded in the minutes of the State Historical Resources Commission and a suitable copy presented to the Latino Center for Art and Culture.

October 30, 2015

STATE HISTORICAL RESOURCES COMMISSION

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Chairperson

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