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In Control: San Antonio Arts Commission

DEPARTMENT: Department of Arts and Culture

DEPARTMENT HEAD: Krystal Jones

COUNCIL DISTRICTS IMPACTED: Citywide

SUBJECT:

Public Art: O'Gorman Mural Restoration (Briefing)

SUMMARY:

The Department of Arts and Culture identified the opportunity to complete a conservation project for the Juan O’Gorman “Confluence of Civilizations” Mosaic Mural.

BACKGROUND INFORMATION:

The City of San Antonio’s Department of Arts & Culture – Public Art Division is presenting the completion of the Juan O’Gorman “Confluence of Civilizations” Mosaic Mural Conservation and Restoration Project. As part of roof replacement project at Convention Center, the Department of Arts and Culture identified the opportunity to complete a conservation project to the historic mosaic mural. The mosaic was originally assembled with over 560 pre-cast concrete panels, which were affixed to the base of the wall behind them. On these panels were embedded

the individual mosaics that comprised the images created by O’Gorman; who had selected nine variants to natural-colored rocks from Mexico, and two glazed-brick colors, to create the palette of eleven colors which he used over the entire 130 x 22- foot surface of his creation. The Department of Arts & Culture worked closely with the Convention Center to complete the work.

ISSUE:

This is a briefing item.

FISCAL IMPACT:

O’Gorman Mural Restoration was supported through the FY22 Maintenance and Repair Funding.

ALTERNATIVES:

There are no alternatives, as this is a briefing item.

RECOMMENDATION:

There are no recommendations, as this is a briefing item.