



**2024 Archival
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and the Interesting
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City Clerk Archives

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City Clerk's **6th** Annual Archives Month celebration

"Telling Our Stories-Preserving Our Histories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego" the theme of the **City Clerk's 6th Annual Archives Month** celebration.



Mayoral Artifacts Exhibition on 2nd Floor

Mayoral artifacts are hand selected and displayed on the second floor.



Exhibitions on 12th Floor

The Archives team has organized historical exhibitions on the 12th floor, with a new theme introduced each quarter.

Telling Our Stories and Preserving Our Histories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego

September 16-October 18, 2024

This was our sixth year celebrating this significant month and this year we combined both “American Archives Month” as well as “Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month” for the first time! Our exhibit highlighted the oldest neighborhood in San Diego, “Barrio Logan”, by exploring change over time. The compelling stories of the Chicano Movement in San Diego was introduced and realized through the land takeover and the establishment of Chicano Park. We feature the impact of change on the various communities that comprise our City’s history and provide a window into community responses to change encounters. As the title of our exhibit affirms – our overarching objective was to tell these stories of change to document and preserve our collective history within the Chicana and Chicano Context.

Telling Our Stories –
Preserving Our Histories:

The Chicano Movement in San Diego



Curated by
San Diego City Clerk Archives
in partnership with the
Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center

SEP 16 - OCT 18, 2024

“What would you do?”



Creating transparency, empathy and a safe place to “Witness to History.”

DECISION TREE EXPERIENCE

Allowing the participant to submit an anonymous response (leaf) to the tree regarding their proposed course of action.





Exhibitions on 12th Floor



History of Chinese Fishermen in San Diego

The display consists of several panels that describe different aspects of the Chinese fishing industry in San Diego, from its heyday in the 1860s to its fall amidst anti-Chinese sentiment in the early 1900s. Around the late 1850's, the Chinese came to San Diego from San Francisco after the Gold Rush. At the peak of the Chinese fishing industry, there were as many as 15 Chinese sailboats in the harbor.

Historical Firsts of the San Diego Police Department

This exhibit highlights the historical significance and cultural impact of the 135-year legacy of the San Diego Police Department, which has exemplified diversity, innovation, and numerous historical milestones. The exhibit aims to enrich lives by educating citizens about the historical role of our government and sharing stories from all of our communities..

Exhibitions on 12th Floor



“Out and Proud in San Diego” by Lambda Archives of San Diego

This beautiful exhibit illustrates the historical importance and cultural significance of the LGBTQIA+ community within our City. The Office of the City Clerk, enriching lives through educating citizens on the historical presence of our government, through continued outreach of all communities, sharing stories that matter.

Timeline of Chicano Park

Following the successful exhibition *“Telling Our Stories and Preserving Our Histories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego”* during Archives Month, we observed that many visitors were engaged and reluctant to depart. As a result, we decided to extend the exhibition by featuring the highlight—the Timeline of Chicano Park—on the 12th floor for additional viewing opportunities.

Resolutions

Historical Official Resolutions

PROJECT ORIGIN

This collection is widely utilized by both our internal and external customers, particularly in the processing of Public Records Act requests, and has proven to be a beneficial resource in case law and the on-going demands of legal research.

PROJECT PROCESS

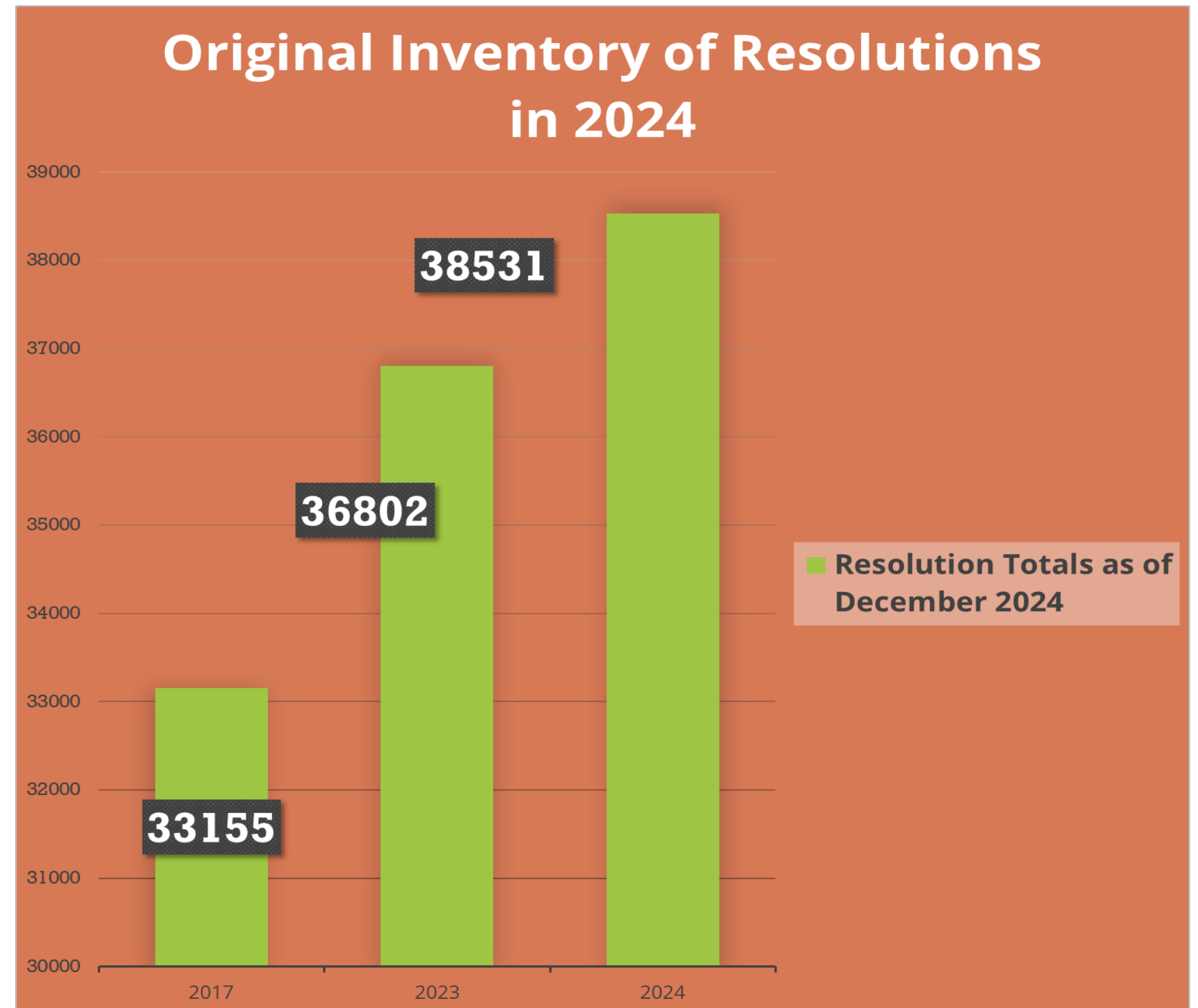
We are gaining momentum since the project kicked off in 2016, ensuring all Resolutions produced by the City have made a return to the City Clerk Archives for safe keeping and on-going preservation efforts by digitizing our City's official statehood records.

SIGNIFICANCE

This is one of the City Clerk Archives most comprehensive projects to date.

THE CITY'S OFFICIAL LEGAL RESOLUTION COLLECTION: 38,531 RESOLUTIONS' RETURNED HOME CITY CLERK ARCHIVE MAKING BIG STRIDES

- To date, the Archive team has successfully recalled **38,531** original resolutions through diligent efforts, representing **44%** of the total number of Resolutions.
- In 2024, we dedicated **150** hours to digitizing a total of **10,870** pages of Resolutions.





Open Public Records

This web portal will help you communicate with your government about what documents you need. All previous requests and responsive documents are viewable here online. You may even find what you're looking for without having to submit a new

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 Search **35125**
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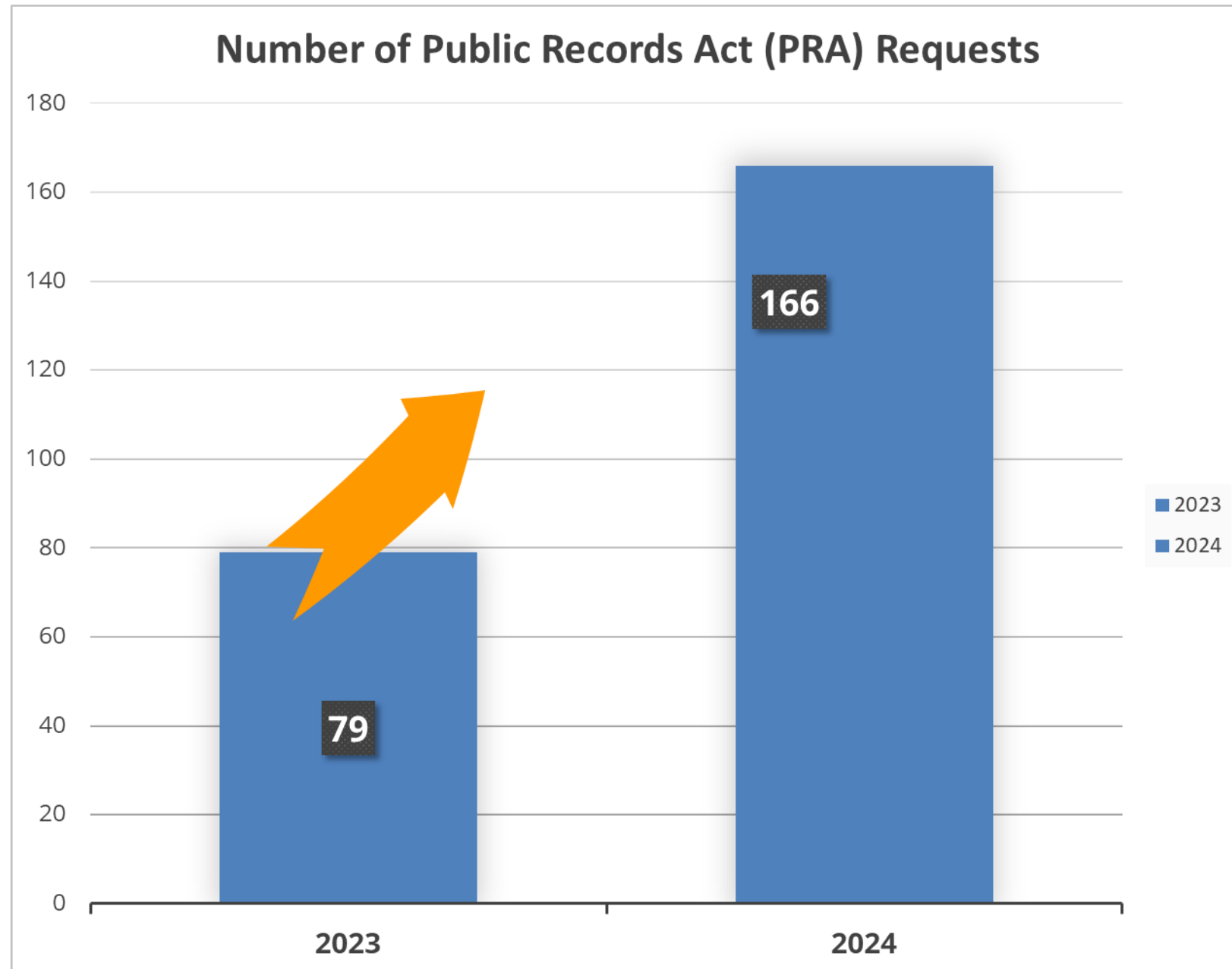
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 Make a new public records
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Public Records Act

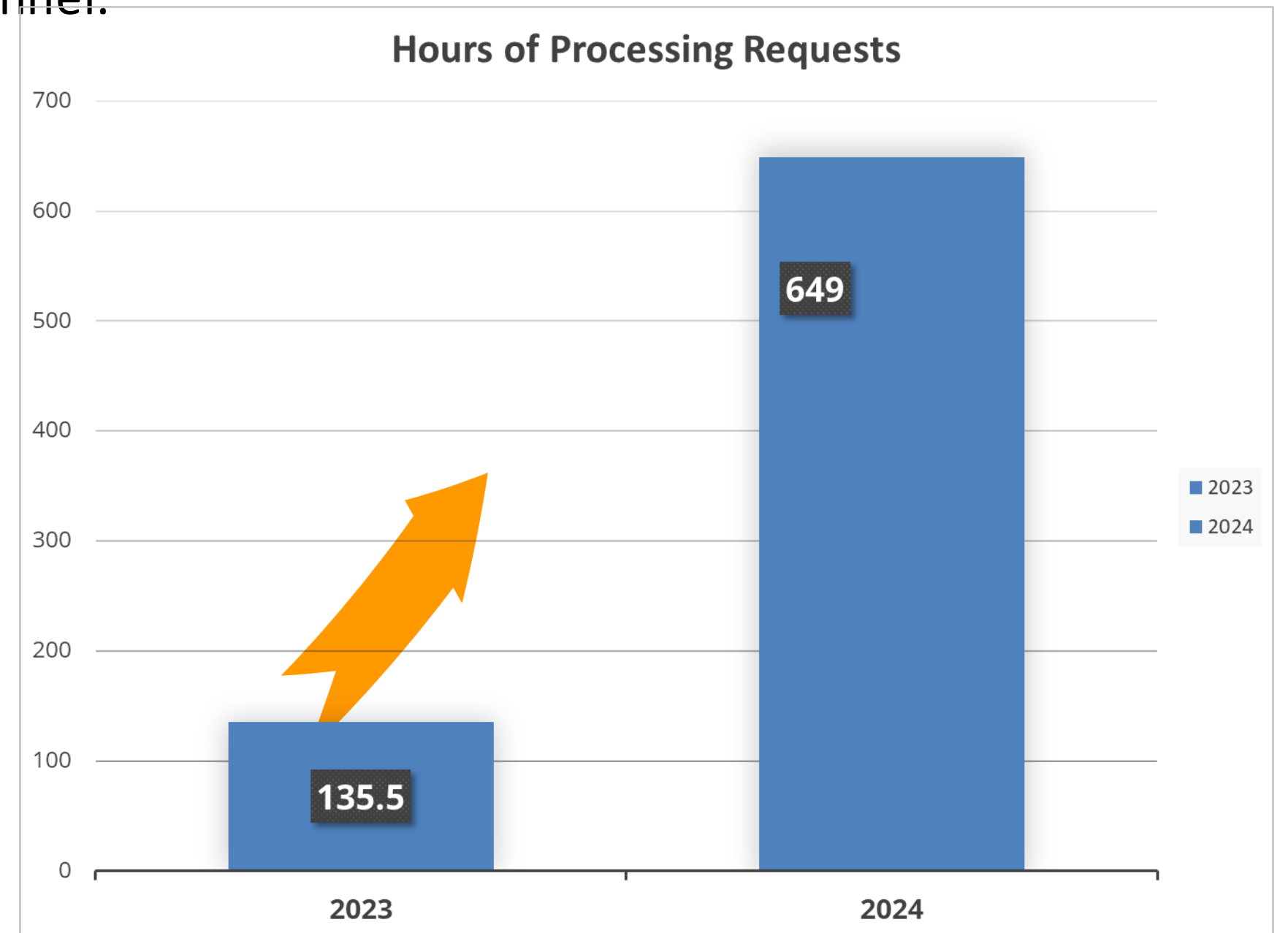
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The City Clerk Archives, a small but mighty team has since completed 166 Public Records Act (PRA) Requests and Internal Research Requests in 2024!



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We're invested! With an astounding 649 hours in processing requests, demonstrates our commitment to addressing each request with significant time and effort. We are dedicated to fostering effective collaboration to ensure that all requests are handled in a timely and professional manner.

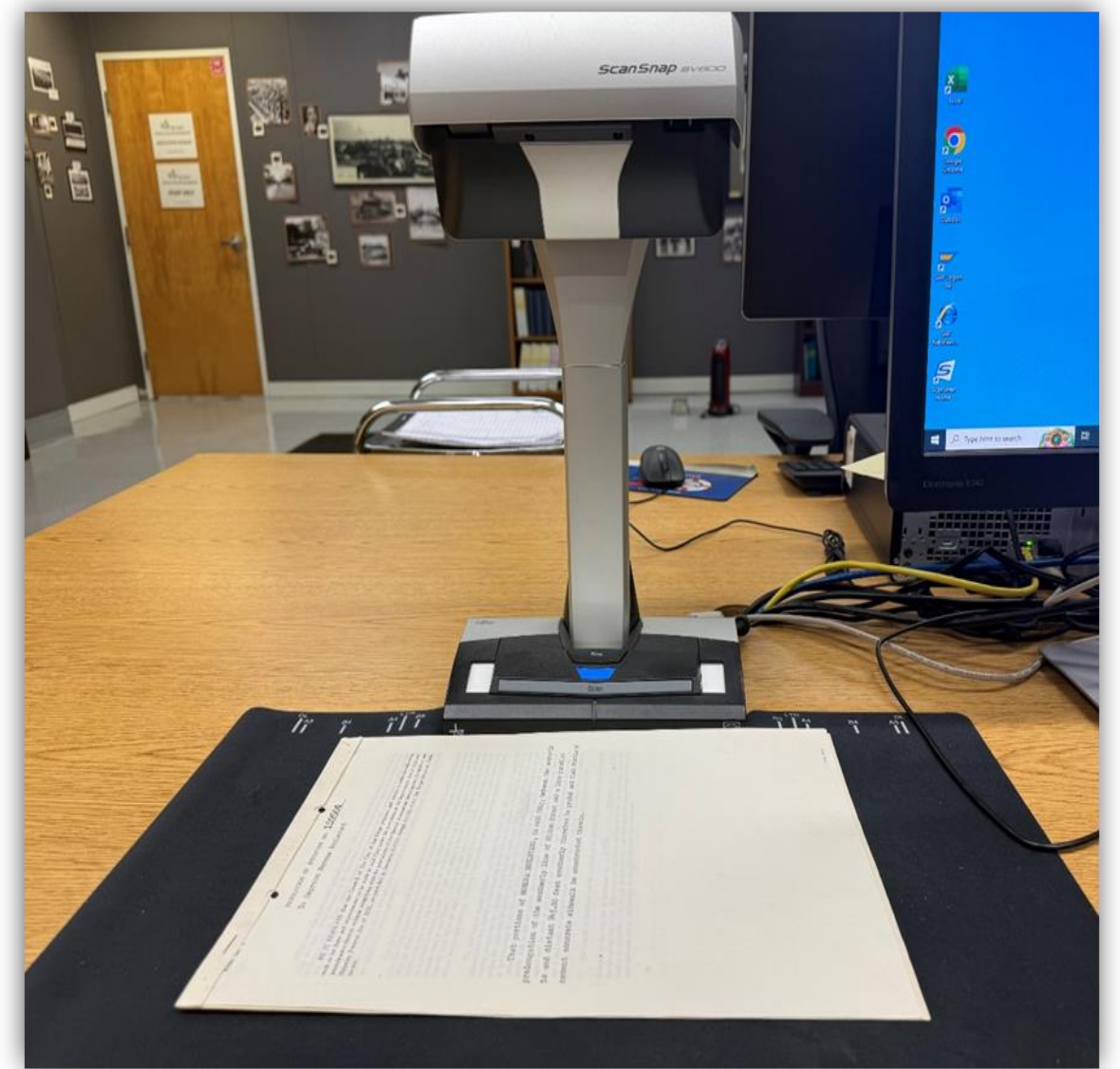


Minutes of the Board of Park Commissioners
Digitization Project: 1905-1974
19 Volumes and 4,007 pages preserved and digitized.

Digitization

Presidio Excavation Collection Digitization Project: 1970s-1980s
150 hours in digitization and preservation efforts with approximately 11,265 pages.

- **650** hours on digitizing the City's historical and legal records



- **41,257** documents, books, boxes, files and images digitized and preserved for free public access!

City Clerk's Digital Archives – Expansion of Collections (19 Volumes):

April 2024

- [1938-1939 San Diego Yearbook](#) and [1945-1946 San Diego Yearbook](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [1962 Report of the Citizens Charter Review Committee](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [1969 Citizens Charter Review Convention Report](#) added to Collections in Government.

May 2024

- [San Diego Affairs 1936-1937](#) and [Civic Affairs 1937-1938](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [City of San Diego Manager's Annual Report, 1944](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [San Diego Yearbook, 1944-1945](#) and [San Diego Yearbook, 1946-1947](#) added to Collections in Government.

June 2024

- [Annual Report of the City Manager, 1948-1949](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [Final Report and Recommendations of San Diego Charter Revision Committee, 1973](#) added to Collections in Government.

September 2024

- [Report of the Special Council Committee on Proposed Charter Amendments, 1941](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [Report of the Pilot Committee for Charter Review, 1968](#) added to Collections in Government.

October 2024

- [Blue Ribbon Committee for Charter Review, 1969](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [Boiler Permits Rentals and Franchises 1911-1914](#) added to Collections in Government.

November 2024

- [Day Book, 1927-1931](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [First Annual Reports of the Mayor and Councilmen, 1910](#) added to Collections in Government.

December 2024

- [Index of Old Litigation, 1890-1908](#) added to Collections in Government.
- [Index of Current Litigation c.1913](#) added to Collections in Government.

Tours





Archives Tours

March 12, 2024
Interns Tour

September 26/ October 8, 2024
Development Services Department

October 9, 2024
District 5, Public Tour

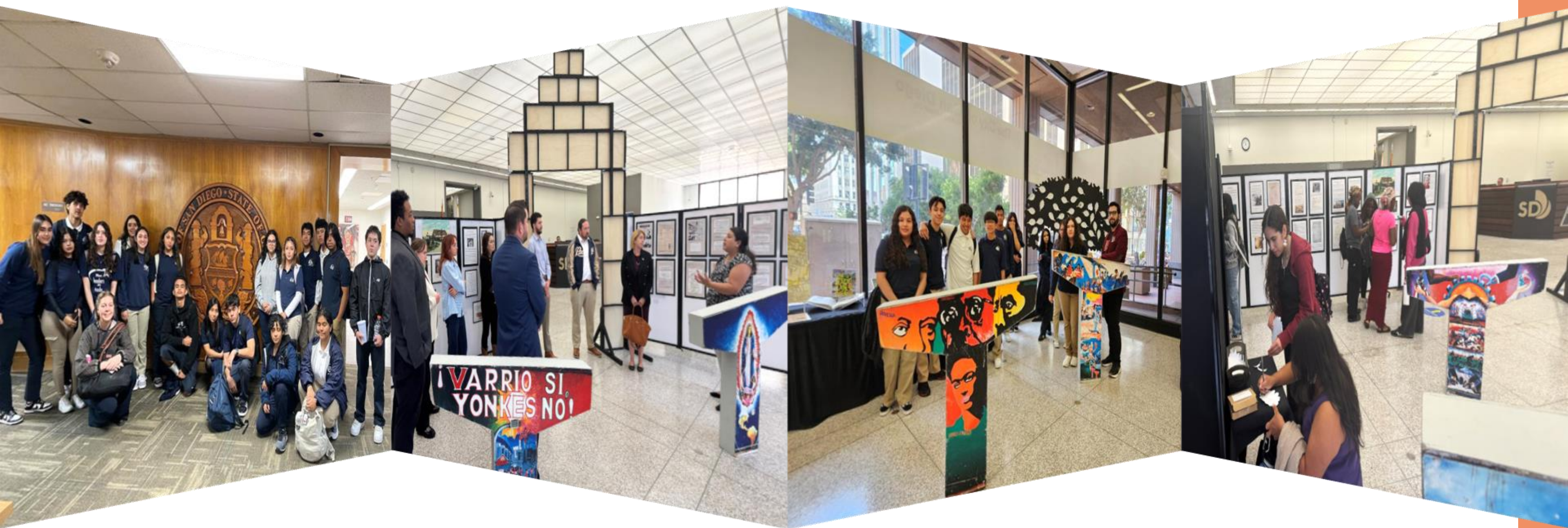
October 10, 2024
E3 Civic High School, High Tech High
School

October 14, 2024
San Diego Community College

October 15, 2024
E3 Civic High School

Total of 95.2 hours of tours and a grand total of 208 people





Outreach is a significant function of the City Clerk Archive, engaging, educating our communities in their City's legal and historical records one person at a time.

Engagement

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"New Discoveries" Blog

City Clerk Archives staff frequently discovers unique and significant historical pieces in their duties that they are eager to share with the public. These notable findings are featured as blog posts in the "New Discoveries" section of the Digital Archives.

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"The Insider" & CityNet

The Archives' interesting finds have been prominently featured multiple times in the City of San Diego's Employee Digital Newsletter, "The Insider," as well as on the City's portal, "CityNet." This exposure enables a wider audience to stay informed about the latest research and discoveries from the City Clerk's Archive.

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Media

In October 2024, the exhibition organized by the City Clerk Archive, received extensive promotional coverage from various local and national media outlets, including newspapers, television, and online platforms. This resulted in significant attention and widespread acclaim for this year's thematic exhibition.

From the City Clerk Archives: 1968



Take a look at this photo of Data Processing personnel in the City Administration Building basement in 1968. IBM 360 computer, teletype interface and hard drives were in use. The IBM System 360 was a mainframe computer system announced by IBM in 1964 and delivered between 1965 and 1978. It was the first family of computers designed to cover a complete range of applications, both commercial and scientific.

Nearly 60 years later, the City of San Diego has its own Information Technology department that handles innovative computer systems and applications to ensure that various departments are safe and secure.

From the Archives: Queen Elizabeth Visits San Diego



Check out this photo of a red, British-themed double-decker bus, with a banner greeting Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip.

The photo was taken in 1983 when the royal couple arrived in San Diego on the Royal Yacht Britannia for their 10-day West Coast tour. President Ronald Reagan hosted the visit, which was called 'The Scuba Tour' because of the almost constant rain.

Queen Elizabeth and Prince Philip visited San Diego, Palm Springs, Los Angeles, Sierra Madre, Duarte, Santa Barbara, San Francisco, Sacramento, Stanford, Palo Alto, Yosemite and Seattle.



From the Archives: 1969 Fire Trucks

August 15, 2024

Check out this 1969 photo of San Diego firefighters taken with four new fire trucks!

[Learn More](#)

Quick Links

- SAP Portal
- IT Help Desk
- Employee Benefits
- Leave Slip
- Forms



City Seeks Community Input on Trash and Recycling Services

August 12, 2024



Child Care Benefits for City Employees

August 8, 2024

[View All Announcements](#)



From the Archives: Mission Bay Bathtub Races



Take a look at this photo of participants preparing to launch in the 1973 Bathtub Races in Mission Bay. The races were held at Crown Point Shores as part of activities celebrating San Diego's America's Finest City Week, Aug. 24-31, 1973.

The boats were small watercraft designed around bathtubs or close facsimiles. The rules restricted the engine to 8 horsepower and the weight to a minimum of 350 pounds, including the driver.

For more archive finds, click [here](#).



From the Archives: 1954 San Diego Junior Theatre Cast

December 20, 2024

Take a look at this photo of seven actresses performing in San Diego Junior Theatre's 1954 production of Babes in Toyland.

[Learn More](#)

San Diego unveils Chicano Movement exhibit at City Hall for Hispanic Heritage Month

By Alexander Nguyen / Multimedia Producer, North County
Contributors: Charlotte Radulovich / Video Journalist
Published September 16, 2024 at 5:52 PM PDT



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THINGS TO DO

New archival exhibit at City Hall tells the history of San Diego's Chicano community and movement

The exhibit, which travels through decades of historical documents and photos, will be on display until Oct. 18



Diane Armenta (center), with the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center, at Monday's opening of "Telling Our Stories and Preserving Our Histories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego" at the San Diego City Administration Building. (Alejandro Tamayo / The San Diego Union-Tribune)

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American Archives Month 2024

San Diego City Clerk Archives

The San Diego City Clerk Archives, in collaboration with the Chicano Park Museum and Cultural Center, opened a new exhibit that honors both American Archives Month and Hispanic/Latino Heritage Month. Titled "Telling Our Stories and Preserving Our Histories: The Chicano Movement in San Diego," the exhibit runs from September 16 to October 18 at the City Administration Building on C Street in San Diego.

Volunteer Hours



5 Volunteers

1,167 Hours

The Archive team is currently supported by 5 volunteers, both short-term and long-term, who are contributing to our efforts. In 2024, they have dedicated a total of 1,167 hours to tasks such as researching our City's historical resolutions, indexing records, creation of metadata, and organizing the Erickson photo database collection.

OUR EFFORTS

DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

Archives staff spent approximately **745.5** hours of research, lobby exhibits, Public Records Act research requests, internal research requests, New Discoveries, Tours, digitization projects, preservation methods and telling stories from the City Clerk Archive for the City's "The Insider."

PRESERVATION

The Archive has spent a total of **259.8** hours in preserving the City's legal and historical records.

METADATA

Creating metadata for our military Erickson aerial collection, **208.55** hours to date.



Thank you, Mayor and Honorable Council for your Continued Support

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