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**California Chapter**

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**SUBJECT: CHAPTER HISTORIAN PROGRAM, ANNUAL REPORT; ARCHIVES UPDATE**

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Receive and File

This report documents this year's activities for the Chapter Historian program, and the APA California (California Chapter, American Planning Association) archives at California State University, Northridge.

**APA California Archives**

The APA California board approved \$10,000 in conference proceeds to go to the digitizing of records in the Chapter archives. Larry and I will be meeting with CSUN in the near future to discuss plans going forward. The California Planning Roundtable also sent in \$500, and we had about \$650 in contributions made by members at the conference, so this is a huge boost to our efforts.

We want to acknowledge and thank Pete Parkinson, Hing Wong, former Chapter President Brooke Peterson, Kristen Asp, Sande George, the California Planning Roundtable, and all those who are contributing to the preservation of California planning history.

In other news, the Oviatt Library has completed a multi-million dollar renovation of the facilities in which our archives are housed.

**Conference Programs**

**Historians' Exhibit.** Going back to the start of our planning history program more than 30 years ago, the Chapter has provided space at the state conference for an exhibit concerning California planning history. Here are a few examples of the exhibits we have designed over the past several years:

Conference	Exhibit
San Diego	Video: The Nolen Plan and San Diego (Brian Mooney)
Santa Barbara	Planning Landmark: The City Beautiful Movement and the Bennett Plan of Pasadena (prepared in conjunction with Brian Wallace, Ann Scheid, the Huntington Library, and Pasadena Heritage)
Visalia	Historical map collection charting the development of Central Valley communities
Anaheim	Early regional planning efforts in Southern California (exhibit prepared in conjunction with the APA California archives)
Oakland	Bay area planning history
Pasadena	Complete Streets (exhibit prepared in conjunction with the Los Angeles Region Planning History Group)
Sacramento	Planning history in the Sacramento Valley

Larry Mintier and the local host committee are working on a Chapter Historian Exhibit for this year's conference focusing on the evolution of Sacramento's Central City Street Grid.

**Conference Panel.** Larry is also organizing a panel, "Make No Little Plans," that will chart the history of the great statewide plans in California; why they went away; and what lessons we can learn from these early efforts. The panel will be at 3:15 Monday. We hope that you will join us!

### Awards

We received two nominations this year in the planning history categories, one each for Planning Pioneer and Planning Landmark Awards.

In the first case, the Planning History Awards Jury awarded a Chapter Planning Pioneer award to the late Margarita Piel McCoy, FAICP for her efforts to advance the role of women and minorities in the profession. Among other achievements, McCoy was the first fully tenured female professor of planning in the U. S., and the first female to chair an urban and regional planning department in the nation.

The McCoy nomination now advances to consideration for a National Planning Pioneer award. We filed the revised nomination with National APA the last week in August. If approved, we will receive the award at the National Planning Conference next spring in New Orleans.

In the second matter, the jury declined to award in the Planning Landmark category.

### Events

The Los Angeles Region Planning History Group is sponsoring its next colloquium on **Saturday, October 28**, 9 a.m. – 3 p.m., at the Huntington Library. It's called "Adding Voices to the L. A.

Story," and it tells how women, planners of color, LGBTQ and others have fought to have their voices included in planning. I will moderate a panel, and have been one of the organizers of the conference. Clifford Graves, Marjorie Macris, Tim Watkins, and many others who helped advance the profession will be on the roster. Registration is \$50 and includes morning coffee/rolls and lunch. Info and registration via PayPal is now available at [www.larphg.org](http://www.larphg.org).

This project follows on the Chapter's earlier discussions concerning how to best document and honor the roles of women, planners of color and LGBTQ communities in advancing the profession. We were pleased to have the support and advice of Jeannette Dinwiddie-Moore, FAICP, David Salazar, AICP and others on this project. The final project will include a research report prepared by Rica Garcia, a graduate planning student at UCLA, who worked with the LARPHG on this project.