

Grants Committee Recommendation – Temescal Canyon Mural Restoration Project

The PPCC Grants Committee is pleased to recommend a grant of **\$5,000** from donations that PPCC has received to the Temescal Canyon Mural Restoration Project (TCMP), toward the critical step of providing a protective coating of the mural for the future. The Grants Committee believes that the mural should be protected to remain a vibrant community treasure that reflects the history and spirit of the Palisades.

Fundraising for the professional mural restoration has been led by two of the original Pali High artists, Kat Kozik ('83) and Cathy Salser ('84), as well as by Palisades resident and artist Cindy Simon (Winding Way in Simon Meadow). They explain:

“Over 40 years old, the Temescal Canyon Mural is a love letter about the Pacific Palisades whose themes are now more poignant than ever – the beauty of the wild landscape and the contrast between how its first peoples harmoniously inhabited the land and how modern society interacts with it. Painted by Palisades High School students, it graces the retaining wall across from Pali High. Remarkably, **the historical mural survived the devastating Palisades Fire** even though structures all around it tragically burned. As the community rebuilds, efforts continue to professionally restore the mural as a painting and elevate it into something even more -- a creative space for community engagement and education to inspire people, past, present and future, to live in harmony and reciprocity with nature.”

The Palisades community has generously donated almost \$97,000 toward the total restoration budget of \$150,000. Additional funding is needed for the cost of two key conservation steps: stabilizing and providing a necessary protective anti-graffiti coating. The coating will be UV-stable and protect against future weathering and vandalism.¹

Kat, Cathy and Cindy further explain: “Restoring this project after the wildfires is more than this mural itself – it’s about renewing beauty, hope and connection to our community.”

The Grants Committee Application Guidelines provide that that the Committee “will interpret the phrase “fire recovery” broadly; it shall encompass repair, restoration and/or remediation . . . as well as efforts to inspire, renew or create community spirit, culture, traditions or institutions”

By helping to protect the Temescal Canyon Mural for the future, this grant would support the goal of overall Palisades Fire Recovery. The Grants Committee requests the PPCC Board to approve a \$5,000 grant to the TCMP for the purpose described above.

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¹ The total protective coating cost is \$7,192.50 (4,795 sf, \$1.50 per sf). The recommended grant is a substantial contribution toward this needed final step.