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City of Riverside Receives Two Historic Preservation Awards

RIVERSIDE, Calif. – The City of Riverside recently was recognized for its historic preservation efforts by the California Preservation Foundation, and will receive a similar award from the state next month.

The City received a 2019 Preservation Design Award from the California Preservation Foundation in October and will receive a 2019 Governor’s Historic Preservation Award from the state in late January.

The Preservation Design Award was for the City’s Latino Historic Context Statement, which was recognized in the Cultural Resources Study category. The Latino Context was selected for its “impressive community engagement and breadth,” which is a testament to the hard work of community members and City staff.

The Riverside Latino Historic Context Statement, completed in 2018, provides a comprehensive framework for recognizing the rich history of Riverside’s Latino community. The study identifies historic resources significant to the Latino community. Involvement and input by the community was key to the successful completion of this project and represents a true community effort.

Doors Open Riverside was awarded the 2019 Governor’s Historic Preservation Award, the only official preservation award presented by the State of California and given in recognition of “exceptional achievements in the field of historic preservation.” The award recognizes the collaborative endeavor by the Doors Open Riverside partners, the generosity of the building participants, and the diligent efforts by the Mission Inn Museum docents.

Doors Open Riverside provides free access to architecturally and historically significant sites that are often closed to the public. Doors Open Riverside is a free, public event, organized by a collaborative partnership between the City of Riverside, Riverside Downtown Partnership, and the Mission Inn Foundation. The 5th Annual Doors Open Riverside will be held on Saturday, May 9, 2020.