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## **THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA ALLOCATES \$10.4 MILLION FOR TRUJILLO ADOBE**

Governor Gavin Newsom signed the 2022-23 California State Budget, which includes \$10.4 million in funding for Riverside's historic Trujillo Adobe.

Funding is slated to preserve the remaining structure, site expansion and renovation. The funding will also help with the development of a museum for the public to tour, engage with and learn about the history of the Trujillo Adobe.

In an effort that has stretched over many years, the nonprofit Spanish Town Heritage Foundation (STHF) has worked with local legislators to request funding for the Trujillo Adobe. It is Riverside's 160-year-old historic landmark, and oldest known structure in the region.

On behalf of the STHF Board, we extend a special thank you to Senator Richard D. Roth (D-Riverside) and Assemblymember Jose Medina (AD61) for their continued support of our state's rich history.

"It has been an honor to work with Nancy Melendez, Darlene Trujillo and the Spanish Town Heritage Foundation to procure state funding for the preservation and renovation of the Trujillo Adobe," said Roth. "Riverside's oldest historic landmark tells our Inland Empire story, a diverse story of indigenous peoples, Mexican and European settlers. That history will now be preserved for our community to learn from and enjoy for generations to come. Congratulations!"

Registered by the State of California as a point of historical interest in 1968 and Riverside County and City of Riverside landmarks in later years, the original Trujillo Adobe was rebuilt in 1862 after the great flood, predating the city of Riverside's establishment.

“Trujillo Adobe house is a critical reminder of our heritage. I am proud that we secured over \$10 million in the state budget to help restore and maintain this historic site” said Assemblymember Jose Medina.

The Trujillo Adobe was named as one of the Top 10 sites to be preserved by Hispanic Access Foundation. It was also named as a site of high potential along the Old Spanish National Historic Trail by the National Park Service, and placed on the 2021 11 Most Endangered Places by the National Trust for Historic Preservation.

At that time, Riverside County Supervisor Karen Spiegel stated “Traditionally, the County has funded major preservation projects at its historic sites through grants, state and federal appropriations. ... The awarding of \$10.4 million to the Trujillo Adobe will preserve our local Indigenous and Latinx history. It will honor the generations of hard working families in La Placita (now Northside) and its founder Lorenzo Trujillo. We are dedicated to the ongoing preservation of this important historic site.”

For more information on how you can help support this project, please visit [www.spanishtownhf.org](http://www.spanishtownhf.org)

In addition, the Riverside Tamale Festival, the annual fundraiser for the Trujillo Adobe, was named the Best Downtown event by the Riverside Downtown Partnership in April. The festival will be held again this year on September 10, 2022, at White Park, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Sponsorship opportunities and vendor spaces are available. Opportunities for student volunteers are also available. Students who volunteer automatically become eligible for scholarship consideration. Go to [www.rivtamalefest.com](http://www.rivtamalefest.com) for details and tickets.

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**About Spanish Town Heritage Foundation**

The Spanish Town Heritage Foundation champions the Hispanic legacy of the Inland Empire’s first settlers by sharing their stories, creating cultural learning opportunities, and leading community efforts to restore and revitalize La Placita de los Trujillos, a place of history, learning, entertainment and the arts.

For historical information on the Trujillo Adobe, visit [www.savetrujilloadobe.com](http://www.savetrujilloadobe.com).