


**REPORT OF THE
CHIEF LEGISLATIVE ANALYST**

DATE: April 15, 2013

TO: Honorable Members of the Rules, Elections and Intergovernmental Relations Committee

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Council File No: 13-0002-S52
Assignment No: 13-04-0261

SUBJECT: Resolution (Garcetti – Alarcón – Reyes) to SUPPORT HR 1217 (Becerra – Ros-Lehtinen)

CLA RECOMMENDATION: Adopt Resolution (Garcetti – Alarcón – Reyes) to include in the City's 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program, SUPPORT of HR 1217 (Becerra – Ros-Lehtinen), also known as the Smithsonian American Latino Museum Act, which would authorize a plan to create a Smithsonian American Latino Museum.

SUMMARY

On April 3, 2013, Resolution (Garcetti – Alarcón – Reyes) was introduced to support HR 1217 (Becerra – Ros-Lehtinen), also known as the Smithsonian American Latino Museum Act, which would authorize a plan to create a Smithsonian American Latino Museum (Museum). The Resolution advises that the City's history is significantly tied to Latino history and that such a museum would honor this history and the contributions of Latinos throughout the United States of America.

HR 1217 designates the existing Arts and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institute, located on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., and an adjacent underground annex facility, to be newly constructed, as the future site of the Museum. The bill would provide that the Board of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in consultation with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission of Fine Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, as well as other relevant Federal and Local agencies, would prepare plans for design, rehabilitation and construction of the Museum. In terms of funding, HR 1217 would authorize the Board of Regents to identify and evaluation funding options for construction and operation of the Museum. HR 1217 further specifies that the Board of Regents would take into consideration the reports and plans created by a designated commission established by the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Museum of the American Latino Act, which was signed into law in May 2008.


BACKGROUND

In 2007, the Resolution (Garcetti et al.) was adopted to support HR 512 (Becerra) and S 500 (Salazar) that would establish the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino, which would be responsible for developing a plan of action for the establishment and maintenance of a National Museum of the American Latino in

Washington, D.C. (C.F. 07-0002-S69). As stated above, the bills were signed into law in May 2008. In 2011, the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of the National Museum of the American Latino issued a report considering various locations for the Museum,, including the building presented in HR 1217, and funding options and timelines for the Museum's construction.

STATUS OF LEGISLATION

3/15/13	Introduced	
	Referred to:	Committee on House Administration Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure Sub-Committee on Economic Development, Public Buildings and Emergency Management Committee on Natural Resources
3/27/13	Referred to	Sub-Committee on Public Lands and Environmental Regulation



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Attachment: Resolution (Garcetti – Alarcón – Reyes)
HR 1217 (Becerra – Ros-Lehtinen)

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RESOLUTION

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WHEREAS, any official position of the City of Los Angeles with respect to legislation, rules, regulations or policies proposed to or pending before a local, state, or federal governmental body or agency must have been adopted in form of a Resolution by the City Council with the concurrence of the Mayor; and

WHEREAS, according to the Census, in 2011 Los Angeles County was comprised of 48.1% of persons of Latino origin; and

WHEREAS, the history of Los Angeles is significantly tied to the history of Latinos; and

WHEREAS, On March 15, 2013, Congressman Xavier Becerra of California and Congresswoman Ileana Ros-Lehtinen of Florida introduced H.R. 1217, in the 1st session of the 113th Congress, to establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum; and

WHEREAS, H.R. 1217, also known as The 'Smithsonian American Latino Museum' Act will authorize a plan of action for the creation of a Smithsonian American Latino Museum; and

WHEREAS, such a museum will honor the contributions and history of Latinos in Los Angeles and the United States of America;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, with the concurrence of the Mayor, that by the adoption of this Resolution, the City of Los Angeles hereby includes in its 2013-2014 Federal Legislative Program SUPPORT for H.R. 1217 which would establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum.

INTRODUCED BY:

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March 3, 2013



113TH CONGRESS
1ST SESSION

H. R. 1217

To establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

MARCH 15, 2013

Mr. BECERRA (for himself and Ms. ROS-LEHTINEN) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on House Administration, and in addition to the Committees on Transportation and Infrastructure and Natural Resources, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned

A BILL

To establish within the Smithsonian Institution the Smithsonian American Latino Museum, and for other purposes.

1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “Smithsonian American
5 Latino Museum Act”.

1 **SEC. 2. ESTABLISHMENT OF MUSEUM.**

2 There is established within the Smithsonian Institu-
3 tion a museum to be known as the “Smithsonian Amer-
4 ican Latino Museum”.

5 **SEC. 3. LOCATION AND AUTHORIZATION.**

6 (a) **ARTS AND INDUSTRIES BUILDING.**—The Arts
7 and Industries Building of the Smithsonian Institution, lo-
8 cated on the National Mall at 900 Jefferson Drive, South-
9 west, Washington, District of Columbia, including a new
10 underground annex facility, is designated as the location
11 of the Smithsonian American Latino Museum.

12 (b) **PLANNING AND CONSTRUCTION.**—The Board of
13 Regents of the Smithsonian Institution, in consultation
14 with the Secretary of the Interior, the Commission of Fine
15 Arts, and the National Capital Planning Commission, and
16 with other appropriate Federal and local agencies, is au-
17 thorized to prepare plans, design, renovate, rehabilitate,
18 and construct the Smithsonian American Latino Museum
19 facility, as referred to in the May 2011 Report to Congress
20 of the Commission to Study the Potential Creation of a
21 National Museum of the American Latino.

22 (c) **SCHEDULE AND FUNDING.**—

23 (1) **IN GENERAL.**—The Board of Regents is au-
24 thorized to prepare a plan of action for the Smithso-
25 nian American Latino Museum, and to identify and

1 evaluate viable funding models for both construction
2 and operation of the Museum.

3 (2) TIMING.—The plan of action authorized in
4 paragraph (1) shall be concluded not later than 18
5 months after the date of enactment of this Act.

6 **SEC. 4. AGREEMENT WITH SECRETARY OF THE INTERIOR.**

7 The Secretary of the Interior and the Board of Re-
8 gents of the Smithsonian Institution shall enter into an
9 agreement that—

10 (1) allows for the planning, design, and con-
11 struction of the underground annex facility by the
12 Board of Regents, in a manner harmonious with and
13 to protect the open space and visual sightlines of the
14 Mall; and

15 (2) provides a timeline for the transfer of ad-
16 ministrative jurisdiction, if necessary, of the appro-
17 priate subsurface area from the Secretary of the In-
18 terior to the Smithsonian Institution.

19 **SEC. 5. CONSIDERATION OF RECOMMENDATIONS OF COM-**
20 **MISSION.**

21 In carrying out its duties under this Act, the Board
22 of Regents of the Smithsonian Institution shall take into
23 consideration the reports and plans submitted by the Com-
24 mission to Study the Potential Creation of a National Mu-
25 seum of the American Latino under section 333 of the

- 1 Consolidated Natural Resources Act of 2008 (Public Law
- 2 110-229; 122 Stat. 784).

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