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**Subject:** Yo Soy Whittier & Life of Pio Pico requesting assistance in funding two exhibits: Grant Request.

**Importance:** High

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**Dear Mayor James Becerra,  
Pro Tem Mary Ann Pacheco,  
City of Whittier Council, &  
Conal McNamara, City Mgr.**

**Thank you for your continued support of the Whittier Historical Society & Museum.**

**We enjoyed your Opening remarks at our 139<sup>th</sup> Founders Day event on May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2026, in Central Park.**

**The Whittier Historical Society & Whittier Museum is working hard to expand our Community Family Friendly access to include our Hispanic & indigenous Indians, along with the Californians who were here in the San Gabriel River area. The Whittier Historical Society & Whittier Museum is requesting Assistance with these two (2) new Exhibits that we are currently working on.**

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1. **“Yo Soy Whittier”, a new exhibit displaying the life and culture of early Hispanic life in Whittier. A beautiful mural full of colors and visuals that connect our guests to traditions, language, and representation of the Hispanic culture. We currently have students from Cal State Fullerton who have been doing research to make this exhibit historically accurate & all inclusive. Cost of this Exhibit is \$10, 000.00**
2. **“Life of Pio Pico” will be completely updated exhibit that will recreate Pio Pico’s office & home. This exhibit will make you feel like you’ve walked into a rancho hacienda-style façade, with arched doors and stained-glass windows. Textiles and artifacts that will make this area feel like you’ve stepped back in time. Cost of this Exhibit is \$10, 000.00**

**Both of these exhibits will have a virtual component to them, making them the first exhibits in the museum that you can interact with virtually.**

**Both of these exhibits will bring a new connection for our community. They will create a space that many members of our community will be able to relate to.**

**These new exhibits will make a great addition to our school field trips.**

**Whittier Historical Society & Whittier Museum is requesting the support of either or both of these projects.**

**Our goal is to have these exhibits up and running before the end of this year, 2026. Our current & incoming Board recognize and are fully supportive of this request.**

**We appreciate the council’s support and partnership with the museum and will continue to be good stewards of any & All amount of financial support that is given to us!**

*Respectfully Submitted,*

*David C. Williamson*  
**President 2024-26**

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