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MEMORANDUM

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TO: Capitol Building Advisory Committee Members

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SUBJECT: Proposed Subcommittees to Study Issues Related to Capitol Art Collection

Summary

This memorandum provides a staff recommendation regarding two proposed subcommittees to study issues related to art and historic features in the State Capitol Building and the surrounding grounds.

The Capitol Building Advisory Committee (advisory committee) recently initiated the subcommittee process to study two issues of interest: (1) the revision of the state symbols and emblems brochure; and (2) the inclusion of additional electronic vehicle chargers in the Capitol Complex. Staff recommends using a similar approach to study two issues related to art and historic features in the State Capitol Building and the surrounding grounds. This recommendation is based on past advisory committee discussions and the perceived success of the subcommittee process. Specifically, staff recommends a subcommittee to study and make recommendations about the maintenance and preservation of the existing art collection and the building's historic features. Additionally, staff recommends a subcommittee to study and develop a master plan for the future acquisition of artwork in the State Capitol Building and surrounding grounds. The two proposed subcommittees are discussed in greater detail below.

Subcommittee to make recommendations about the maintenance and preservation of the existing art collection and historic building features. The advisory committee and its staff frequently hear reports about the condition of the building, its historic features, and its art collection. These reports generally detail concerns with the condition of a particular asset. For example, in the last year, the committee or its staff has heard reports about the following issues:

- the proximity of radiators to building artwork;
- damage to the historic rose onyx;
- damage to picture frames; and
- the maintenance of statues on the Capitol grounds.

Staff recommends that a subcommittee be established to identify areas of concern related to the routine maintenance and ongoing preservation of the Capitol art collection and historic

building features. In addition, the subcommittee may establish recommendations for routine maintenance and ongoing preservation of building assets to be shared with various interested parties, and a priority order of outstanding needs. Finally, the subcommittee may make recommendations about the funding of routine maintenance and ongoing preservation of the building, its historic features, and its art collection.

Subcommittee to develop a master plan for the future acquisition of artwork. In response to updates about the Capitol Complex Master Plan, which was funded as a capital project for FY 2013-14, several members of the advisory committee discussed the possible development of a master plan for the future acquisition of Capitol artwork. The discussion also contemplated that such a master plan could assess and make recommendations about the current inventory of artwork in the State Capitol Building and the surrounding grounds. The intent of such a master plan would be to better inform individuals and groups about the type of artwork sought for the Capitol art collection in order to encourage donations. It could also serve to identify items of artwork not in keeping with the overall theme of the Capitol art collection.

Staff recommends that a subcommittee be established to develop a master plan for the proposed future acquisition of Capitol art.