

Dear Citizen:

The opportunity of a lifetime has come before us and we want to share this opportunity with you.

The Museum of Cultural Arts Houston (MOCAH) in collaboration with Panache Design & Interiors (PDI) is excited to announce the Port Arthur Commemorative Marker Project (PACMP), a series of civic art projects that will document the history and heritage of Port Arthur, Texas. The PACMP theme, ***Cherishing the Past...Embracing the Future***, supports multi-disciplinary revitalization strategies that educate and expose students and local residents to the history and cultural heritage of their communities through the research, design and production of community murals and commemorative markers.

With support from the City of Port Arthur Mayor Prince, the Councilmembers, Department Leaders and local businesses we are confident that this remarkable opportunity will place a local and national spotlight on the cultural heritage of the city of Port Arthur and the historic Westside community.

The uniqueness of the PACMP offers several advantages to community partners and the youth we serve:

- Historic preservation of Port Arthur is captured for generations to come through public art projects.
- Students and residents become an integral component to the beautification and revitalization of their own community.
- Hands-on art experiences yield tangible and permanent works of public art which enhance the visual environments of the surrounding communities.
- Mentoring relationships are developed as youth participants work alongside professional artists, volunteers and community stakeholders to create their public art project.

The first task at hand is to gain your insight and perspective as to how we can best accomplish these objectives. Please accept our invitation to become an active supporter of this endeavor by completing and returning your Community Survey to us today.

Not only will your opinion on the enclosed Community Survey be of immense help in preserving, documenting and celebrating the history and cultural heritage of the West Side Community, but your support will help with MOCAH outreach, community organizing, grassroots mobilization and coalition building.

Please complete and return your survey right away. By doing so, you will help send a strong message that the people, places and events related to the West Side Community are worthy of recognition and are an integral part of what makes Port Arthur a city of choice for all.



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Survey: 2008 Port Arthur Commemorative Marker Project

Instructions: After reviewing the letter attached to this survey, please complete the survey questions below. Then return the survey form only to MOCAH, P.O. Box 202059, Houston Texas 77220-2059. Please do not detach any part of this form.

Confidentiality Statement: Your answers will remain strictly confidential. Results will be tabulated and reported as a block. No individual information will be saved.

Would you support a community art project that celebrates the history and heritage of the West Side Community and Port Arthur?

- Yes No Undecided/Unsure

Do you believe that commemorative markers will help capture, document and preserve the history of the West Side Community?

- Yes No Undecided/Unsure

Please respond to the following statements:

The city of Port Arthur is doing enough to preserve the history of the West Side Community.

- Agree Disagree

Children in the West Side Community already know enough about historical persons, places and events associated with the West Side Community.

- Agree Disagree

Port Arthur Independent Schools are doing enough to provide local youth with enrichment activities like art.

- Agree Disagree

What features do you feel best represent the City of Port Arthur

- a. Oil industry b. Port c. Waterways d. Pleasure Island e. Rose Hill f. Lamar State College g. other (Please describe) h. other (Please describe)

What features do you feel best represent the West Side Community

- a. MLK Bridge b. Historical churches c. Lincoln High School d. Carver Elementary School e. Refineries f. Proximity to downtown g. J. B. Matthews Center h. other (Please describe)

Please circle three locations that you feel are the top priorities for the placement of a commemorative marker(s).

- 1. Terminal Road @ Gulfway 2. Railroad Avenue @ Gulfway 3. Railroad Avenue @ Rev. Dr. Ransom Howard 4. Joe Luis Avenue @ James Gamble Blvd. 5. James Gamble Blvd. @ Foley Ave. 6. Other

Please provide the names of historical personalities that have origins in the West Side Community.

- 1. 2. 3. 4. 5. 6. 7. 8. 9. 10.

**Please provide the names and dates of significant historical events that have relevance to the West Side Community.**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ 6. \_\_\_\_\_

**What locations within or near the West Side Community would be most accessible for your attendance to a community outreach meeting regarding the Commemorative Marker Project?**

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_

**Which dates and times would you be most available for a community outreach meeting?  
Please check your top three preferences.**

|            |          | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|------------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|----------|--------|----------|
| Mornings   | 9am-12pm |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| Afternoons | 12pm-4pm |        |         |           |          |        |          |
| Evenings   | 4pm-7pm  |        |         |           |          |        |          |

**Please tell us about yourself:**

**Age**     16-20             21-35                       36-50                       51-65                       66+

**First name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Last name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Middle Initial** \_\_\_\_\_

**Geographic location**

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip** \_\_\_\_\_

**Education**

High school diploma             College degree             Graduate degree             Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Race**

African-American             Hispanic/Latin             Caucasian     Asian                       Native American

**Gender**

Female     Male

**All answers will be held in strictest confidence. Thank you for your response.**

If you have any further comments or questions regarding this project please contact, Reginald Adams, at 713.224.2787 or send email to [Reginald@mocah.org](mailto:Reginald@mocah.org)

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In addition to sharing my opinions with MOCAM through participation in this survey, I want to be an active participant in support the West Side Commemorative Marker Project. To help support this community revitalization initiative, I am enclosing a tax-deductible contribution of:

\$15     \$25             \$50             \$100             \$250             \$500             Other \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please make your tax-deductible check payable to MOCAM, with PACMP in the memo and return it with this form to:

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*Thank you for your support and participation!*