

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

August 14, 2025

To: Board of Library Commissioners
From: John F. Szabo, City Librarian
Subject: **ACCEPTANCE OF GIFT FROM JUDGE DEAN HANSELL**

RECOMMENDATION:

THAT The Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That a gift by Judge Dean Hansell to the Los Angeles Public Library of 100 (one hundred) historical documents, photos, and ephemera of California and Los Angeles, appraised at \$12,423 be accepted, and;

FURTHER RESOLVED, That a letter of thanks be sent to Judge Dean Hansell for his generous donation.

FINDINGS:

1. In early celebration of the Central Library's 100th anniversary in 2026, Judge Dean Hansell has donated 100 historical items related to California and Los Angeles.
2. Judge Hansell's gift includes items of cultural and political significance to the region including Transit Lines tokens from the 1920's, a Hollywood Walk of Fame Medallion from the 1940s and official certification by the City Clerk of Los Angeles of the election of Owen McAleer as Mayor of Los Angeles in 1905.
3. These items will enrich the Library's already robust collection of articles of historical and cultural importance and will be enjoyed by the community for years to come.
4. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Dean Hansell
[address on file]

Reviewed by: John F. Szabo, City Librarian