

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

July 23, 2026

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **ACCEPTANCE OF GAJIN FUJITA PAINTING TITLED “100 Years L.A. Central Library”**

RECOMMENDATION:

That the Board of Library Commissioners adopt the following resolution:

RESOLVED, That the painting titled “100 Years L.A. Central Library” donated by Gajin Fujita in honor of the Central 100 celebration be accepted; and

FURTHER RESOLVED, that a letter of thanks be sent to the Gajin Fujita, expressing grateful appreciation of the generous gift.

FINDINGS:

1. To commemorate the Central Library Centennial, internationally renowned artist and Boyle Heights native Gajin Fujita created and donated a painting, titled “100 Years L.A. Central Library.” The painting was crafted with 12K white gold leaf, 24K gold leaf, spray paint and paint marker on a 12-by-8-inch wood panel.
2. Gajin's art reflects both his deep reverence for Japanese culture and his pride as a native Angeleno. His paintings blend graffiti, traditional iconography, and contemporary urban life, earning him international acclaim. His art has been exhibited at LACMA and L.A. Louver, and museums and galleries in Germany, Switzerland, Greece and Australia.
3. In 2019, Gajin designed the Los Angeles Public Library's limited-edition library card, and led art workshops for youth at our branches.
4. A letter of thanks should be sent to:

Gajin Fujita
[Address on file]

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