



COMMISSIONERS COURT COMMUNICATION

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DATE: 10/11/2022

**SUBJECT: APPROVAL TO DE-ACCESSION AND DONATE THE AVIATION
INTERACTIVE DISPLAYS TO THE FORT WORTH AVIATION
MUSEUM - ARCHIVES**

***** CONSENT AGENDA *****

COMMISSIONERS COURT ACTION REQUESTED

It is requested that the Commissioners Court provide approval for the Tarrant County Archives to de-accession and donate two (2) large interactive aviation displays to the Fort Worth Aviation Museum.

BACKGROUND

In 2014, the Fort Worth City Council approved the donation of the City of Fort Worth Historic Aviation Collection to the Tarrant County Archives. This donation included two interactive displays: Rosie Riveter, and Build a Plane. In 2016, these two interactive displays were loaned to the American Airlines CR Smith Museum. The American Airlines CR Smith Museum would like to return these items to the Tarrant County Archives. A representative from the Fort Worth Aviation Museum has expressed interest in having these two interactive displays for their exhibition space.

The Archives does not have the space to display these interactive exhibits in a meaningful way. It is the opinion of the Archives staff that these large interactive displays would be better suited in a museum environment where they can be fully utilized and appreciated, and therefore requests approval to de-accession and donate these displays to the Fort Worth Aviation Museum without restrictions. Members of the City of Fort Worth associated with the initial donation of this collection agree with the Archives and have signed paperwork to this effect.

Donation of these educational displays serves a public purpose in that the Fort Worth Aviation Museum will be able to properly display and provide public access to the interactive exhibits, and the Archives will not have to use its limited space for storage of the items.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

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