

REFERENCE TITLE: Yuma; historical society; property; return

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SB 1459

Introduced by
Senator Fernandez

AN ACT

AMENDING LAWS 2024, CHAPTER 14, SECTION 1; RELATING TO THE ARIZONA
HISTORICAL SOCIETY.

(TEXT OF BILL BEGINS ON NEXT PAGE)

1 Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Arizona:

2 Section 1. Laws 2024, chapter 14, section 1 is amended to read:

3 Section 1. Conveyance of land and buildings; return of
4 property

5 A. The Arizona historical society shall convey to the city of Yuma
6 ownership of the following land and buildings:

7 1. The Sanguinetti House Museum and Gardens and Jack Mellon House
8 located at 240 South Madison Avenue, Yuma, Arizona.

9 2. The Molina Block located at 272 Madison Avenue, Yuma, Arizona.

10 B. The president of the Arizona historical society shall deliver a
11 properly signed and recorded deed or patent to the city of Yuma within
12 fifteen days after ~~the effective date of this act~~ **SEPTEMBER 14, 2024**.

13 C. The transferred land and buildings shall be used by the city of
14 Yuma for public purposes perpetually and may not be sold, exchanged or
15 bartered.

16 D. ANY DOCUMENTS, ITEMS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT WERE AT
17 ANY TIME DEEDED TO OR DONATED TO YUMA COUNTY, THE YUMA COUNTY HISTORICAL
18 SOCIETY OR THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY BEFORE OR AFTER THE ARIZONA
19 HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOOK CONTROL OF THE MOLINA BLOCK AND THE SANGUINETTI
20 HOUSE MUSEUM AND GARDENS IN 1972 ARE THE PROPERTY OF THE CITY OF YUMA AND
21 SHALL BE RETURNED TO THE CITY OF YUMA IF THE DOCUMENTS, ITEMS AND OTHER
22 PERSONAL PROPERTY MEET ANY OF THE FOLLOWING:

23 1. BENEFITED YUMA COUNTY.

24 2. WERE MADE IN YUMA COUNTY.

25 3. HAVE SIGNIFICANCE TO THE HISTORY OF YUMA.

26 E. ANY DOCUMENTS, ITEMS AND OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY THAT REMAIN IN
27 THE CONTROL OF THE CITY OF YUMA SHALL BE INVENTORIED BY THE YUMA COUNTY
28 HISTORICAL SOCIETY AND THE ARIZONA HISTORICAL SOCIETY TO DETERMINE WHETHER
29 THE ITEMS MEET THE CRITERIA DESCRIBED IN SUBSECTION D OF THIS SECTION.