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CITY OF AZUSA RECEIVES SIGNIFICANT FUNDING TO RESTORE THE “OLD SCHOOLHOUSE” – BUILDING TO BE MOVED TO CITY PARK NEARBY

AZUSA — City officials will host a check presentation and press conference at 403 N. Angeleno Ave. on **October 13, 2022 at 5:00 p.m.** Following the press event, the “Old Schoolhouse” building will begin its move through city streets before arriving to its new home at Veterans Freedom Park.

“We want to sincerely thank Senator Susan Rubio and Assemblymember Blanca Rubio for helping us attain the necessary funding to relocate, restore and curate this historic and culturally significant landmark,” stated Mayor Robert Gonzales.

Azusa was awarded a \$3 million grant in the recently approved State budget to move, restore and curate the historic landmark and the surrounding area of its new home, what the City is planning to call Azusa’s Historic Row. The Old Schoolhouse will be relocated between the City’s Historical Museum and the Barnes House (City’s first permitted home).

“Although not traveling a great distance, moving an actual house will undoubtedly impact parking and commuters along the route and that’s why we’re scheduling the move after rush-hour,” stated City Manager Sergio Gonzalez.

The Old Schoolhouse is considered an architecturally significant building as one of the only surviving single room wood framed schoolhouses in the San Gabriel Valley. For over a century, the building has stood witness to the growth and changes in the City. A remnant of race-based segregation policies, the Schoolhouse was used to separate Mexican students in the early 1900s to teach English and “Americanization” classes until California public school districts were mandated to integrate. The Schoolhouse also served as a polling location where residents of Mexican descent were only allowed to cast their vote. Preservation of historic structures enriches the cultural values of communities and compels us to acknowledge and learn from the past.

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