

Save Our Chinatown Committee

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TICKET DEADLINE FOR CHINESE NEW YEAR BANQUET APPROACHES
Save Our Chinatown Committee Fundraising Event to be Held at the Dragon House

The arrival of the “Year of the Ox” will be greeted with a gourmet 8-course dinner and guest speakers at the venerable Riverside Dragon House restaurant on Sunday, January 25th. The gala event is also a fund-raiser for the effort to save the archaeological site of the second Riverside Chinatown from destruction. The guest speakers include Eugene Moy, Vice-President of the Chinese Historical Society of Southern California, and renowned artist Sam Huang, who will also be auctioning off a piece of his work to support the rescue of the site.

The event is going to bring together traditional elements of Chinese New Year such as special holiday dishes, exciting entertainment, and symbols of good fortune such as oranges and tangerines. “It is interesting that some of the common symbols for prosperity seen during New Year celebrations are citrus such as tangerines and oranges, the same products that Chinese immigrants helped establish in Riverside,” said Jean Huffman Wong, an organizer for the event. “We will be using the proceeds from the banquet to help protect the archaeological site where the Chinese laborers lived, and to increase our understanding of the role they played in the citrus industry, making early Riverside one of the most prosperous places in the country.”

The Save Our Chinatown Committee has filed suit to stop the destruction of the site to make way for a medical office building. “We hope eventually to create a Chinese Historic Cultural Park on the site, and this is the kick-off event for our major fundraising efforts.” Tickets must be reserved by January 19th and seating is limited.

Web site for information: <http://saveourchinatown.org/>

For more information about the banquet, the efforts to rescue the archaeological site, or how to obtain tickets please contact Jean Huffman Wong at (951) 328-1239. For information in Chinese contact Leon Lu at (626) 378-8518.

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