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### **NEW EXHIBITION AT THE SACRAMENTO HISTORY MUSEUM**

OLD SACRAMENTO, CA: The Sacramento History Museum unveiled a new, permanent exhibition on Friday, July 17, 2009. *Gold, Greed & Speculation: The Beginnings of Sacramento City* explores the first fifty years of Sacramento's history, examining evidence that the city was much more than a Gold Rush boomtown. Visitors will discover that the city's past is marked by colorful characters from a variety of cultures. They will meet the individuals that forged the city, better understand its development and how its citizens withstood catastrophic floods, fires, and epidemics in the first years of its existence. Yet Sacramento's people persevered and rebuilt again and again, playing an instrumental role in establishing it as the capitol city of the State of California.

Work on the exhibition began over two years ago when the History Museum was awarded \$500,000.00 bond money to upgrade the current museum. Upon entering the museum visitors will experience dramatic changes to the space. The first floor area has been opened to create a great hall in which exhibitions with three dimensional artifacts are displayed. A montage of graphic presentations cover the mezzanine level displaying the faces, places and events that made Sacramento what it is today. A state-of-the-art computer interactive allows visitors to explore Sacramento's history. Visitors may choose from over 70 images and with the touch of a finger learn more about historic events and people in Sacramento's past. Never before displayed artifacts include a fragment from the Washoe boiler that exploded in 1864 killing hundreds and

rare glass syringes used during the 1850 cholera epidemic. Gold, Greed & Speculation will be the perfect starting point for visitors to see Old Sacramento, to learn its history, and discover the stories of the individuals who shaped the destiny of the city.

The Sacramento History Museum, operated under the auspices of the Historic Old Sacramento Foundation, is located at 101 "I" Street, Old Sacramento, CA. The museum is open everyday (excluding major holidays) 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Phone: (916) 264-7059 for more information.

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The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation is a 501(c)3 public benefit corporation. Old Sacramento is a living historic district. The Historic Old Sacramento Foundation's mission is to convey the importance of historic Sacramento as a place that connects our past to our present and future.