

## **THE PRESIDIO TRUST** **MUSEUM COLLECTIONS POLICY**

The Presidio Heritage Program reveals and elevates the history of the Presidio, encouraging people to connect more deeply with our shared heritage. The Heritage Program is developing an array of sites and experiences that offer immersive, informative and emotionally rich encounters that connect visitors to the park and invite them to become involved in its future.

Museum collections, such as historic objects and archival materials, provide powerful and tangible connections to our shared heritage. It is the policy of the Presidio Trust (Trust) to leverage this power by borrowing objects from institutions and individuals for exhibitions related to the Presidio's cultural and natural heritage. Consistent with this goal, the scope of the Trust's borrowed museum collections shall therefore be limited to objects and archives that are specifically related to the Presidio. The guidelines that will implement this policy will outline for lending institutions and individuals the procedures and standard of care loaned objects would receive while on loan to the Trust.

By this policy, it is made clear that the Trust does not seek to develop a permanent, accessioned museum collection of historic objects and archives related to the Presidio. Such collections would be competitive and redundant with those of the National Park Service, which are held at the Presidio. Donors interested in permanent donation will be directed to the National Park Service as an appropriate repository for historic Presidio collections.

This policy augments, but does not supersede, approved Trust art and archaeology collections policies and guidelines. Those policies and guidelines will continue to govern objects within the scope of the existing Trust art and archaeology policies and apply to the Trust's acquisition of art installations and archaeological artifacts. This policy does not apply to materials maintained by Trust salvage for re-use in the park, or to library holdings and institutional archives maintained by the Trust library.

This policy does not preclude the Trust from developing a digital archive of rights managed and historic images used in support of Heritage Program exhibitions and other activities related to public engagement.

In implementing this policy, the Executive Director shall develop Presidio Trust Museum Collections Guidelines that establish appropriate legal, ethical and professional standards for managing museum collections in the Trust's care.