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REYES EARMARKS \$50,000 TO REPLACE LUMMIS HOME ROOF — *Funds will fix historic home that houses oldest historical society in California*

The leaky roof of the historic Lummis Home, the headquarters of California's oldest historical society, will be replaced, thanks to \$50,000 earmarked in the City's budget, Councilmember Ed P. Reyes announce today.

"The Historical Society of Southern California reaches out to a diverse population from all walks of life through its educational programs," Reyes said. "The funding protects the remarkable Lummis Home and helps further the society's goals to educate the community about the rich history of Southern California."

The leaky roof has been a problem for nearly a decade that has gotten significantly worse with the unexpected storms of the season.

The Lummis Home, located in the Los Angeles community of Highland Park, houses the Historical Society of Southern California which was founded in 1883.

It also includes a museum dedicated to the life and work of Charles Fletcher Lummis, a writer, historian and the Los Angeles Times' first City Editor.

From 1898 to 1910, Lummis built much of the home himself using stones he collected from the Arroyo Seco. He called it "El Alisal," which is Spanish for "place of the sycamores." The house was crafted with the influences of Native America, pueblo, mission and craftsman.

Lummis Home, at 200 E. Avenue 43, is open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. For more information call (323) 222-0546.

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