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## STAFF REPORT BOARD MEETING DATE: April 18, 2017

**DATE:** March 14, 2017

**TO:** Board of County Commissioners

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**SUBJECT:** Accept a cash donation [\$68,111.20] from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust for improvements to Bowers Mansion; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments. (Commission District 2.)

### SUMMARY

Accept a cash donation [\$68,111.20] from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust. This was a bequest specifically for improvements to the historic Bowers Mansion.

Washoe County Strategic Objective supported by this item: Stewardship of our Community.

### PREVIOUS ACTION

None.

### BACKGROUND

This donation is a bequest from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust. It is a bequest representing a 10% share of the Gift Trusts' interim distribution to its charitable and governmental beneficiaries. Mrs. Silberstein's express wish was that these funds be used to support the preservation, public access and interpretive historical education of Bowers Mansion.

Additional donations from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust may be received in the future; the timing and amount is uncertain at this time. Future gifts will be directed for the same purpose, improvements to Bowers Mansion.

### FISCAL IMPACT

The \$68,111.20 donation has been received and temporarily deposited to suspense in the Parks Capital Fund 404 pending acceptance by the Board of County Commissioners, after which the funds will be posted to Internal Order 20438-484000-Vera Silberstein

Gift Trust. Expenditures for improvements to Bowers Mansion will be made from project PK052317.

The following Fiscal Year 2016-17 budget adjustments are required:

Increase Revenue: Fund 404, IN20438-484000	Vera Silberstein Gift Trust- Donations	\$68,111.20
Increase Expense: Fund 404, PK052317-781002	Building Improvements-Capital	\$68,111.20

**RECOMMENDATION**

It is recommended that the Board of County Commissioners accept a cash donation [\$68,111.20] from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust for improvements to Bowers Mansion; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments.

**POSSIBLE MOTION**

Should the Board agree with staff's recommendation, a possible motion would be: "Move to accept a cash donation [\$68,111.20] from the Vera Silberstein Gift Trust for improvements to Bowers Mansion; and direct the Comptroller's Office to make the appropriate budget adjustments."