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Temporary Restraining Order Granted For Riverside's Historic Chinatown

Riverside, CA – In a hearing at Riverside County Superior Court this morning, Judge Sharon Waters granted a temporary restraining order, halting further work at Riverside's historic Chinatown archaeological site.

Judge Waters issued the temporary restraining order, citing the potential irreparable harm that could be done to the historic site as a main determining factor. The temporary restraining order is in effect until March 20th, when parties will meet again for a preliminary injunction hearing.

The Save Our Chinatown Committee requested a temporary restraining order after contractors hired by Jacobs' Development Corporation brought heavy equipment to the site and worked throughout the Valentine's Day weekend. This work was conducted in violation of City code, through the night, and in the rain.

“We are overjoyed with the ruling, but mostly relieved that Riverside's historic Chinatown is protected from further destruction,” said Rosalind Sagara, a member of the Save Our Chinatown Committee. “We expect Doug Jacobs to respect the court order and we will remain vigilant.”

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