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YOUNG FAMILY RESOLVES LAWSUIT WITH TACOMA ART MUSEUM PARTIES SEEK RECONCILIATION AND COMMUNITY DIALOGUE

TACOMA, WA – The Young family has agreed to dismiss its lawsuit against Tacoma Art Museum.

"We regret that the conversation between us, the museum, and the community took the direction that it did," said Al Young. "We appreciate the museum hearing our concerns and we will work together to address them. We believe the museum's increased emphasis on the work of Chinese American artists of the Northwest will fulfill our parents' intentions."

Tacoma Art Museum plans to continue with the second phase of the auction on March 12. It has decided to withdraw a few works that will be donated to an appropriate Northwest institution in the near future. As was always intended and relayed to the Young family, the museum will take some of the funds from the auction to purchase works by Chinese American artists and will give credit to the Youngs for their donation.

"Col. John C. and Mary Lee Young and their family have a rich legacy, which the museum will continue to recognize," says Stephanie A. Stebich, Director of Tacoma Art Museum. "We are pleased that all has been resolved, and are happy that the Young family will continue to be a part of Tacoma Art Museum. We regret that the Young family heirs had the impression that the museum did not value the gift of their parents. "

Tacoma Art Museum, known for its civic engagement, is developing collections that reflect the city's rich artistic heritage. An important part of our mission is to embrace and celebrate the diversity of the Northwest.