

***RESOLUTION CALLING FOR HOLOCAUST ART DISCLOSURE LEGISLATION
AS PERTAINS TO MUSEUMS FUNDED BY NYC**

The Downtown Independent Democrats urge that legislation be passed requiring museums accepting funding, operating on City or State property, or receiving city, state or federal tax exemptions to disclose the documentation of provenance of European artworks in their collections that entered the U.S. after 1932 but that were created before 1945.

Where the provenance reveals that the artworks were stolen, the artworks should be returned to the heirs of the owners.

Where the owner was an heirless victim of Nazism, the work should be sold to benefit Holocaust survivors.

Where claims are asserted on behalf of victims of persecution or their heirs, museums should be required to resolve claims publicly on the merits through expedited administrative proceedings and barred from asserting statutes of limitations or laches.

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