



Title: Atzlan Mural, Atzlan being the mythical home of the Aztec people

Catalog Number: LPA20

Artist: Emmanuel Martinez

Date: 1994.

Location: Atzlan Park 1st Street and Avenue K, Lubbock, TX.

Description: This mural depicts scenes to inspire pride in the predominantly Hispanic Guadalupe Neighborhood. It shows a windmill, a man holding a sack of picked cotton, two men on horseback carrying an American flag as well as a Mexican flag, a woman and an Eagle (an ancient Mesoamerican symbol), a man and his son holding a book and a church.

History: The first Atzlan mural was organized by Lubbock's local chapter of Brown Berets, a Chicano activist group popular in the 1960s. It was painted by New York artist Fernando Penalosa in 1977. It was damaged soon after by severe weather. What remained was quickly destroyed by vandals. It was not until 1994 when the Guadalupe Neighborhood Association and the Lubbock Fine Arts Center banded together to have another mural painted. It was that year

that Denver artist Emmanuel Martinez was commissioned to create the current mural. It was sealed at the time but the sealant has since been worn off and the mural is in dire straits. The paint is chipped and cracking and there are holes in some areas. It is crucial this important piece be conserved as soon as possible.

Works Cited: City of Lubbock Parks and Recreation. <http://parks.ci.lubbock.tx.us/>
Navarot, Miguel. "Atzlan Mural Keeps Colorful Tradition Shining." *Lubbock Avalanche-Journal*, 1996.

Material: Acrylic paint and cinder block.

Dimensions:

Condition: 5

Owned By: The City of Lubbock, P.O. Box 2000, Lubbock, TX 79457; (806) 775-3000.

Commissioned By: Lubbock Fine Arts Center and Guadalupe Neighborhood Association.

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