



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 3

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Revisions to the *Application for Review and Consideration of Acquisition of Art by the City of Newport Beach* and *Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery*

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and approve the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommended changes to the *Application for Review and Consideration of Acquisition of Art by the City of Newport Beach* and *Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery*.

DISCUSSION:

At the March 12, 2026 City Arts Commission regular meeting, staff presented the first drafts of the recommended changes made by the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee to the *Application for Review and Consideration of Acquisition of Art by the City of Newport Beach* and *Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery*. The City Arts Commission discussed the recommendations and made further suggestions, which have been incorporated into the new drafts:

- Adding additional language to the *Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery* that gives the Arts Commission the ability to choose all or portions of the art submitted as well as requiring substitutions to the original application to be reviewed and approved by the Arts Commission
- Changing the language in the *Application for Review and Consideration of Acquisition of Art by the City* from "upon acceptance" to "if accepted"
- Adding additional language to the *Application for Review and Consideration of Acquisition of Art by the City* that recommendations will go from the City Arts Commission to the City Council for review "and approval"

Both applications have been reviewed by the City Attorney.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).

ATTACHMENT A: Redlined Application for Acquisition of Art by the City of Newport Beach

ATTACHMENT B: Final version of the Application for Acquisition of Art by the City of Newport Beach

ATTACHMENT C: Redlined Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery

ATTACHMENT D: Final version of the Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery