



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

May 14, 2026
Agenda Item No. 8

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Central Library Gallery Exhibit Additional Artwork – May 2026

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission approve the recommendations made by the Art in Public Places Library Gallery Ad Hoc Subcommittee to approve additional pieces submitted by artists Jim Doody and Lawrence Sherwin for the Central Library lobby gallery space.

DISCUSSION:

The City of Newport Beach maintains two exhibit spaces at the Central Library. The Lobby Gallery in the Central Library has approximately 38 feet of linear wall space designed for two-dimensional pieces of art. Additionally, artists may apply to exhibit three-dimensional works in the two display cabinets that were added to the Central Library display offerings in 2010. The display cases are approximately 24" high x 24" deep x 24" wide.

Artists who want their work to be considered for display submit a completed Application for Exhibition of Art at the Central Library Lobby Gallery.

The Library Services Director manages the gallery space. The City Arts Commission's Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee meets periodically to review artist's submissions. Staff notifies artists of acceptance and arranges the staging of the art. The City Arts Commission approved artwork by Lawrence Sherwin at their March 12, 2026, regular meeting, and artwork by Jim Doody at their April 9, 2026, regular meeting. The artists submitted additional pieces for consideration. The Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee met to review and discuss these additional works and are recommending the City Arts Commission approve them to be displayed.

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: Jim Doody's additional artwork

ATTACHMENT B: Lawrence Sherwin's additional artwork