



## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 4

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Phase X Sculpture Exhibition Online Public Poll Results

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review the results of the online public poll and approve ten sculptures and three to five alternates to recommend to City Council for final approval.

### **DISCUSSION:**

Since the Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park's inception, the City Arts Commission has increased public engagement by offering residents opportunities to become part of the selection process. As in previous phases of the exhibition, the City Arts Commission did not utilize an ad hoc subcommittee for Phase X. Instead, a curatorial panel, comprised of the City Arts Commission and two outside jurors, discussed the submitted works and the panel's rankings of the submissions in a public meeting on October 9, 2025. During this meeting, the City Arts Commission approved pieces for inclusion in the online public poll based on the following criteria: artistic merit, durability, practicality, and site appropriateness.

Through the online poll, which is limited to Newport Beach residents, the public voted for their favorite sculptures to be selected as the pieces for inclusion in Phase X. The most popular pieces will be selected for the Sculpture Exhibition, pending final approval by City Council.

The public online poll concluded on December 5, 2025, and representatives from Arts Orange County will present the public poll voting process and the poll results. The City Arts Commission will discuss and review the results and approve the Phase X sculptures to recommend to City Council for final approval.

### **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).