



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

September 11, 2025
Agenda Item No. 4

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park – Phase X Timeline

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file updated progress on Phase X of the Sculpture Exhibition.

DISCUSSION:

At the May 8, 2025, meeting, the City Arts Commission approved the suggested timeline for the Phase X Sculpture Exhibition. Arts Orange County (ArtsOC) is presenting an update as to where the project currently stands.

TIMELINE

ArtsOC developed the following timeline for Phase X:

City of Newport Beach Sculpture Exhibition in Civic Center Park Timeline Phase X – FY 2025-26

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TASK</u>
<u>July 2025</u>	
July 8	CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING City Council to approve Arts Orange County contract
<u>August 2025</u>	
August 1	Phase X Call for Artists Opens

<u>September 2025</u>	
September 29	Deadline for Submissions
September 30	Open Online Review and Ranking by CAC and Guest Jurors
<u>October 2025</u>	
October 5	CLOSE Online Review & Ranking by City Arts Commission & Guest Jurors
October 9	CITY ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Present City Arts Commission & Guest Juror Rankings APPROVE QUALIFIED SUBMISSIONS FOR PUBLIC SURVEY
October 15	OPEN Public online survey of Finalists
<u>December 2025</u>	
December 5	CLOSE Public online survey of Finalists
December 11	CITY ARTS COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING Presentation of Public survey rankings, Approval of recommended selections and alternates for presentation to City Council
December 12	Civic Center Park Siting ArtsOC, City staff, and CAC Sculpture Exhibition Subcommittee walkabout to review ArtsOC's sculpture placements in Civic Center Park
<u>January 2026</u>	
January 13	CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – Present City Arts Commission recommendations for Approval
January 14	Inform artists of selection Provide City Attorney with all necessary information for Artists Loan Agreements

<u>February 2026</u>	
February 17	Artist Loan Agreements provided to ArtsOC to send to artists
<u>March 2026</u>	
March 16	ArtsOC delivers all Artist Loan Agreements to City with Phase IX FIRST invoices and Phase VIII FINAL invoices
<u>March 2026 – May 2026</u>	Site preparation Delivery Coordination
<u>June 2026</u>	
June 1-19	De-Installation of Phase VIII artworks INSTALLATION OF PHASE X ARTWORKS
June 27	Sculpture Exhibition Phase X Official Opening

ArtsOC issued a “Call for Entries”, inviting artists, private collectors, galleries, and museums/nonprofit organizations to submit artworks for consideration of the temporary exhibition in Civic Center Park. The call for entries will close on September 29, 2025. To select the pieces for the public survey, the project manager will form a panel of jurors. This panel, comprised of working art professionals, will work with the City Arts Commission in the selection and recommendation of pieces in a public meeting. This process will take place September 30 through October 5. Pieces approved by the Commission and curatorial panel will be included in the online public survey. At the October 9, 2025, City Arts Commission meeting, the Commission will present the rankings and approve the qualified submissions to become part of the public survey.

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).