



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: Application for Review and Consideration of Art – *Confluence #102* by Catherine Daley

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and approve the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's recommendation to reject an application to purchase Catherine Daley's *Confluence #102*.

DISCUSSION:

Artist Catherine Daley has requested that the City Arts Commission review and discuss purchasing her sculpture, *Confluence #102*, and adding it to the City of Newport Beach's art inventory. *Confluence #102* is 10 feet high, 7 feet wide, 2 feet deep and weighs 400 pounds. It was appraised at \$21,500 in February of 2026 as part of her application for consideration of acquisition.

Confluence #102 was installed in the Sculpture Exhibition in June of 2023 as part of Phase VIII. The piece is set to be deinstalled in June of 2026. Artist Daley has proposed a purchase price of \$10,000 for the piece, with an estimated \$1,200 for reinstallation at another location in the City. Annual maintenance includes hand buffing with a clean cloth and water with occasional aluminum polish needed for deeper stains.

The Ad Hoc Subcommittee is recommending the City Arts Commission reject Catherine Daley's application, based on the cost of obtaining and maintaining *Confluence #102*.

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: Catherine Daley's Application for Review and Consideration of Art