



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 6

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Updates on Council Policy A-2 and City Plaques

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommend that the City Arts Commission review and discuss City Council Policy A-2 regarding fundraising and the City's procedure regarding donor plaques for artwork.

DISCUSSION:

At the July 9, 2026 City Arts Commission (Commission) regular meeting, then Chair Commissioner Heather Ignatin requested staff bring forward the section regarding "Fundraising & Contracting" from City Council Policy A-2, *Boards, Commissions & Committees* and donor plaques on works of art in the City to allow the City Arts Commission to further discuss these two items.

Article VII, Section 712 of the City Charter states that the Commission acts in an advisory capacity to the City Council. The Commission is governed by the policies set forth by the City Council. City Council Policy A-2, *Boards, Commissions, and Committees*, states under "Fundraising & Contracting" section A that "No Board, Commission, or Committee shall have the authority to independently raise and collect funds on behalf of itself, any other Board, Commission, Committee, or the City. Any such funds shall be generated by and collected through legally established nonprofit groups and organizations which are independent of the City. An exception to this policy may be granted by the City Council on a per project basis when circumstances justify the exception."

Regarding plaques acknowledging donors of artwork, there is no City policy prohibiting plaques acknowledging donors. City art pieces such as the *Sphere 112* sculpture in Civic Center Park and *Indivisible* hanging in the Central Library, both given to the City, acknowledge the donor on their respective plaques.

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: Council Policy A-2