



## CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 5

**TO:** CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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**TITLE:** Central Library Gallery Exhibit Recommendations – April 2026

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### **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 exhibitions by Jim Doody and Elena Kealy in 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 Review and Consideration of Art.

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 Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee met to review applications and are recommending the work of Jim Doody and Elena Kealy.

### **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: Examples of Jim Doody's artwork

ATTACHMENT B: Examples of Elena Kealy's artwork