



CITY OF NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 3

TO: CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Outstanding Financial Obligations for the City Arts Commission

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive and file a report prepared by staff on outstanding financial obligations for the City Arts Commission.

DISCUSSION:

At the May 14, 2026, regular meeting of the City Arts Commission, staff were asked to prepare a report with any future potential financial obligations the Commission might have. Staff investigated and found two potential costs that the Arts Commission might incur.

Placement of *Metalfor*, a sculpture which was recently restored and returned to the City, will require hiring an art installer to place the sculpture. Staff are reaching out for quotes from the art installers we have worked with. After a quote is obtained, staff will return with the Art in Public Places Ad Hoc Subcommittee's placement recommendation.

Similar to *Metalfor*, the sculpture entitled *Chairman of the Board* is waiting for approval of acceptance by the City Council. The Arts Commission's recommendation to City Council includes the site placement. If the Arts Commission votes to move the sculpture from its current location at Civic Center Park, there would be a cost to place it elsewhere. A quote obtained in November of 2020 was estimated at \$3,500 to move the statue to a different location.

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).