

Date: November 3, 2025
To: San Francisco Arts Commissioners
From: SFAC staff
Re: Vaillancourt Fountain

San Francisco Arts Commission (SFAC) and Recreation and Parks Department (RPD) staff will present the following motion at the Full Commission meeting on November 3, 2025:

Motion to approve the removal of the Embarcadero Fountain by Armand Vaillancourt (SFAC Accession No. 1971.46) to protect the health and safety of residents and visitors from the identified structural deterioration and move it to storage, following the provision of required notice to the artist and interested members of the community under the California Art Preservation Act, to allow for further investigation of the extent of deterioration to the physical structure, and consideration of possible restoration, repair, relocation, repurposing or other future actions relating to the fountain; and to affirm the Planning Department's determination under the California Environmental Quality Act that this action is statutorily exempt from further review under Section 15269 of the CEQA Guidelines. This action constitutes the Approval Action for the project for the purposes of CEQA, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Section 31.04(h).

The linked and attached documents will inform the presentation on this motion:

1. [Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman Park Community Meeting 1 Presentation, March 6, 2025](#)
2. Vaillancourt Fountain Conditions Assessment, dated June 2, 2025, by Page & Turnbull
3. Embarcadero Plaza – Accessibility Assessment, dated July 7, 2025, by John Romaidis, Disability Access Coordinator, RPD Capital Planning Division
4. [Embarcadero Plaza and Sue Bierman Park Community Meeting 2 Presentation, July 8, 2025](#)
5. Letter from RPD, dated August 18, 2025, requesting Arts Commission's consideration and approval to proceed with the formal deaccession of the Vaillancourt Fountain from the Civic Art Collection and its removal from Embarcadero Plaza
6. Conceptual (Rough Order of Magnitude) cost estimates
7. Letter from Department of Building Inspection (DBI) to RPD re. Structural Observation and Evaluation for the Vaillancourt Fountain, dated October 27, 2025 by Patrick O'Riordan, Director, DBI
8. SF Planning's Historic Resource Review of Vaillancourt Fountain, Record No. 2025-006780HRR (includes as attachment Vaillancourt Fountain Historic Resource Resources Review (HRR) Report, dated May 15, 2025, by Page & Turnbull)
9. Statutory Exemption for SFRPD Emergency Project, dated October 31, 2025, by Lisa Gibson, Environmental Review Office, SF Planning