



City and County of San Francisco

Daniel Lurie, Mayor

Agenda for Visual Arts Committee, October 21, 2026



Commissioners

- Chair Suzie Ferras, JD Beltran, J. Riccardo Benavides, Randi Fisher, Nabil Musleh, Al Perez, Debra Walker.

Date and Time

Wednesday, October 21, 2026

2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Location

City Hall, Room 416,
1 Dr. Carlton B. Goodlett Place.

Members of the committee will attend this meeting in-person at the location listed above. Members of the public are invited to observe the meeting in person at the physical meeting location listed above or remotely online.

Members of the public attending the meeting in-person will have an opportunity to provide up to three minutes of public comment on every agenda item.

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Agenda items

1. Call to Order, Roll Call, Agenda Changes, Land Acknowledgment

1. Call to Order
2. Roll call / Confirmation of quorum
3. Agenda Changes
4. Ramaytush Ohlone Land Acknowledgement

The San Francisco Arts Commission acknowledges that we are on the unceded ancestral homeland of the Ramaytush Ohlone who are the original inhabitants of the San Francisco Peninsula. As the indigenous stewards of this land and in accordance with their traditions, the Ramaytush Ohlone have never ceded, lost nor forgotten their responsibilities as the caretakers of this place, as well as for all peoples who reside in their traditional territory. As guests, we recognize that we benefit from living and working on their traditional homeland. We wish to pay our respects by acknowledging the ancestors, elders and relatives of the Ramaytush Community and by affirming their sovereign rights as First Peoples. As a department dedicated to promoting a diverse and equitable Arts and Culture environment in San Francisco, we are committed to supporting the traditional and contemporary evolution of the American Indian community.

2. General Public Comment

Discussion

(This item is to allow members of the public to comment generally on matters within the Commission's purview as well as to suggest new agenda items for the Commission's consideration.)

3. Consent Calendar

1. Motion to approve a Sole Source contract with Soft Concrete Designs, Inc. for fine art conservation services for corrective concrete work at Walter Kitundu's "Ruupaywa: Songs of the Watershed" at the Alameda Creek Watershed Center, pursuant to San Francisco Administrative Code Chapter 21, Section 21.5(b), in an amount not to exceed \$21,655.00. Soft Concrete Designs, Inc. possesses specialized expertise in concrete repair in the context of public art conservation, with direct knowledge of this sculpture's materials, construction, and site conditions acquired through on-site assessment of the work. These qualifications make the services not reasonably available from another provider without risk of damage to the artwork, duplicative costs, or schedule delays.
2. Motion to approve "Debajo del mismo cielo/Under the same sky", a painted mural by Sergio de la Torre. The mural will be located at 83 Wiese Street. The mural measures a total of 16 ft. by 24 ft, with six panels today, two measuring 4 ft. by 8 ft. and four measuring 4 ft. by 6 ft. The mural is supported by a Community Challenge Grant. The artwork will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
3. Motion to approve "A Primera Luz/At First Light", a painted mural by Joseph Lopez and Vanessa Solari Espinoza. The mural will be located at 3048 16th Street. The mural measures 20 ft. by 85 ft. The mural is supported by a Community Challenge Grant. The artwork will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.

4. Motion to approve “Untitled”, a painted mural by Claudio Talavera-Ballón. The mural will be located on the street at Cortland Avenue at Gates Street, at the south side of the intersection. The mural measures 52 ft. and 6 in. by 5 ft. and 7 in. The artwork will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.
5. Motion to approve “Bernal Pride”, a painted mural by Pablo Mica. The mural will be located on the street at Cortland Avenue at Bennington Street, at the northeast side of the intersection. The mural measures 7 ft. by 14 ft. The artwork will not become part of the Civic Art Collection.

Presentation Time: Approximately 3 minutes

Explanatory Documents: Mural Packet; Staff Memo with Sole Source Justification; Contractor Cost Proposal

4. SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization Public Art Project: Wheelchair Lounge Art Wall

Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion and possible action to approve the Final Design of a textile artwork titled “The wind leaves its voice scattered in the wheat” by Teresa Baker for the SFO Terminal 3 West Modernization Public Art project, located at the Departures Level in Terminal 3 at the San Francisco International Airport.

Presenter: Project Manager Arianne G. Davidian

Presentation Time: Approximately 5 minutes

Explanatory Document: Final design, material samples

5. Public Art & Collections Annual Report

Discussion

Presentation of Fiscal Year 2026 Public Art and Civic Art Collection Annual Report.

Presenter: Civic Art Collection & Public Art Program Director Mary Chou and Senior Registrar Allison Cummings

Presentation Time: Approximately 15 minutes

Explanatory Documents: FY26 Public Art & CAC Annual Report Presentation

6. Illuminate: Golden Gate Park JFK Promenade

Discussion and Possible Action

Discussion and possible action to approve the temporary installation of “The Friendship Bench” by Gillie & Marc, that measures H87 4/5 in. by W137 4/5 in. by D54 3/10 in., fabricated from cast bronze, located in Golden Gate Park on JFK Promenade, in front of the Conservatory of Flowers. The artwork will not become part of the Civic Art Collection. The artwork will be maintained by Illuminate and will be installed for a period of one year, from date of installation, which is estimated to be December 2027.

Discussion and possible action to extend the installation by one year of “They had a big whale of a time” and “Swimming with a flamingo” by Gillie and Marc, installed along JFK Promenade in Golden Gate Park, previously approved under RESOLUTION NO. 0911-23-159 so that the total installation period is from September 2023 through September 30, 2027. The artworks will not become part of the Civic Art Collection and will be maintained by Illuminate.

Presenter: Program Associate Paris Cotz and Illuminate Founder & Chief Visionary Officer Ben Davis

Presentation Time: Approximately 5 minutes

Explanatory Documents: Presentation

7. Staff Report

Discussion

Presentation of Civic Art Collection and Public Art Program updates.

Presenter: Civic Art Collection & Public Art Program Director Mary Chou

Presentation Time: Approximately 5 minutes

8. New Business and Announcements

Discussion

(This item is to allow the Commissioners to introduce without discussion new agenda items for consideration, to report on recent arts activities and to make announcements in accordance with [Prop D.](#))

9. Adjournment

Action

Agenda posted 10/15/2026, 1:48pm, tp

Policies

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利便參與會議的相關規定

根據美國殘疾人士法案和語言服務條例，中文、西班牙語、和/或美國手語翻譯人員在收到要求後將會提供翻譯服務。另外，我們將盡力提供擴音設備。同時也將會提供不同格式的會議資料，和/或者提供閱讀器。此外，翻譯版本的會議記錄可在委員會通過後提供。上述的要求，請於會議前最少48小時致電415-252-2219向 Tara Peterson, tara.peterson@sfgov.org 提出。逾期提出的請求，若可能的話，亦會被考慮接納。聽證室設有輪椅通道。

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De acuerdo con la Ley sobre Estadounidenses con Discapacidades (American Disabilities Act) y la Ordenanza de Acceso a Idiomas (Language Access Ordinance) intérpretes de chino, español, y lenguaje de señas estarán disponibles de ser requeridos. En adición, se hará todo el esfuerzo posible para proveer un sistema mejoramiento de sonido, materiales de la reunión en formatos alternativos, y/o proveer un leedor. Las minutas podrán ser traducidas luego de ser aprobadas por la Comisión. Para solicitar estos servicios, favor contactar a Tara Peterson, por lo menos 48 horas antes de la reunión al 415-252-2219, tara.peterson@sfgov.org. Las solicitudes tardías serán consideradas de ser posible. La sala de audiencia es accesible a silla de ruedas.

Patakaran para sa pag-access ng mga Miting

Ayon sa batas ng American Disabilities Act at ng Language Access Ordinance, maaring mag-request ng mga tagapagsalin wika sa salitang Tsino, Espanyol at/o sa may kapansanan pandinig sa American Sign

Language. Bukod pa dito, sisikapin gawan ng paraan na makapaglaan ng gamit upang lalong pabutihin ang inyong pakikinig, maibahagi ang mga kaganapan ng miting sa iba't ibang anyo, at/o isang tagapagbasa.

Ang mga kaganapan ng miting ay maaring isalin sa ibang wika matapos ito ay aprobahan ng komisyon.

Sa mga ganitong uri ng kahilingan, mangyari po lamang makipag ugnayan kay Tara Peterson sa 415-252-2219, tara.peterson@sfgov.org.

Magbigay po lamang ng hindi bababa sa 48 oras na abiso bago ng miting.

Kung maari, ang mga late na hiling ay posibleng tanggapin.

Ang silid ng pagpupulungan ay accessible sa mga naka wheelchair.

Agenda Item Information/Materials Available

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- 1) Department or Agency or report;
- 2) Public correspondence;
- 3) Other explanatory documents.

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Meeting Procedures

1. Agenda items will normally be heard in order. Please note, that on occasion a special circumstance may necessitate that an agenda item be taken out of order. To ensure that an agenda item is not missed, it is advised to arrive at the beginning of the meeting. All agenda changes will be announced by the Chair at the top of the meeting.

2. Public comment will be taken before or during the Committee's consideration of each agenda item. Each speaker will be allowed to speak for the time allotted by the Chair at the top of the meeting or up to three (3) minutes.

3. During General Public Comment, members of the public may address the Commissioners on matters that are within the Arts Commission's jurisdiction and are not on the agenda.

4. Persons who spoke during the public comment period at a meeting of the Arts Commission may supply a brief written summary of the comments to be included in the minutes if it is 150 words or less. The Arts Commission may reject the summary if it exceeds the prescribed word limit or is not an accurate summary of the speaker's public comment.

5. Persons unable to attend an Arts Commission meeting may submit correspondence to the Arts Commission in connection with an agenda item. Written comments submitted to and received by Arts Commission staff via email to tara.petrson@sfgof.org or paris.cotz@sfgov.org by 5:00 p.m. before the date of the meeting will be brought to the attention of the commission and made part of the official record. Comments received after the meeting may also be included in the record. The program associates will post these documents adjacent to the agenda if they are one page in length. If they are longer than one page, the Arts Commission will make such documents available for public inspection and copying. Please note, correspondence submitted to the Arts Commission will NOT be read aloud

during the meeting. Names and addresses included in these submittals will be public. Submittals may be made anonymously. Written comments pertaining to this meeting should be submitted to art-info@sfgov.org.

Public Comment

Public comment in regard to specific agenda items will be taken before or during consideration of the item. Each speaker may speak for up to three minutes per agenda item, unless the Chair has announced a different length of time at the beginning of the meeting. Speakers may not transfer their time to another person. Any person speaking during a public comment period may supply a written summary of their comments to be included in the minutes if it is 150 words or less.

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