



## Staff Report

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Local Government Approach to Public Art

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**BACKGROUND:** Events in recent years have led Council to request Staff research and report back on options for addressing public art.

**SUMMARY:** The City has received several requests from artists and organizations to share in public spaces art pieces of varying formats, which range from permanent installations to temporary exhibits. The City does not have a guiding document to help administration equitably address these requests.

### **EQUITY CONSIDERATIONS:**

Staff will present Council with research findings and answer questions. The most consistent and equitable way to address public art requests is by way of a documented process; the process itself varies city to city. In many cases, cities utilize multiple tools mentioned below.

In a study of 24 comparable cities:

- 18 cities have boards or commissions dedicated to art.
- 15 cities refer to the stewardship of public art in their municipal code.
- 7 cities have official documents or a section about public art as part of a greater comprehensive plan.
- 4 cities have partnerships with local non-profit organizations to help with the stewardship of public art.

**BUDGET IMPACT:** Currently none.

**RECOMMENDATION:** Staff recommends the creation of a public art policy.