

TOWN OF LOS GATOS ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: 10/13/2024

ITEM NO: 1

DATE: October 2, 2024

TO: Arts and Culture Commission

FROM: Ryan Baker, Library Director

SUBJECT: Receive Input for a Public Arts Master Plan

RECOMMENDATION:

Receive input for a Public Arts Master Plan

DISCUSSION:

Engaging the community in the creation of a municipal public arts master plan is essential for ensuring that the plan reflects the diverse voices, values, and cultural heritage of the entire community of Los Gatos. Public art plays a vital role in shaping the identity and vibrancy of a city, and the success of such initiatives depends on the active participation of residents, local artists, and stakeholders. By gathering input from the community, the plan can be tailored to meet the unique needs and aspirations of the people Los Gatos, fostering a sense of ownership and pride in the public spaces that are enriched through art. This collaborative approach not only enhances the cultural landscape but also strengthens the social fabric, making the community more inclusive and cohesive.

The Commission will seek input from the public on five questions:

- 1. What are ideas for incorporating public arts into the Town's public parks and infrastructure such as sidewalks and streets?
- 2. What does Los Gatos currently lack for public arts?
- 3. Where are the best locations in Town for public arts (using map board and pins)?
- 4. Who are the stakeholders for public arts in Los Gatos? Who are we missing?
- 5. What are opportunities for public arts? What kids of public arts would you like to have in Town?

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