



Date: September 23, 2025

Honorable Mayor and Council Members:

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Title: **Appointment of Colleen Connors to Lay Member Position for Public Art Commission of Truckee**

Jen Callaway, Town Manager

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**Recommended Action:** That the Town Council appoint Colleen Connors to the Lay Member seat of the Public Art Commission of Truckee to fill the vacancy and complete the term ending August 31, 2028.

**Discussion:** Per Council Resolution 2020-09 (adopted February 25, 2020) the Public Art Commission of Truckee (PACT) is a seven-member commission comprised of the following representative categories:

- Arts Advocate
- Youth Art Representative
- Public Art Expert
- Performing Art Representative
- Visual Art Representative
- Technical Expert
- Lay Member

On April 22, 2025, staff received a resignation email from David Mason, who was serving as the Arts Advocate to the Public Art Commission of Truckee (PACT). Kellie Cutler was serving as Lay Member of PACT but met the qualifications for the Arts Advocate, including being an arts advocate or representative of an arts advocacy organization. Therefore, on June 10, 2025, Council appointed Ms. Culter as the Arts Advocate to PACT for the term ending August 2026. This left the Lay Member seat vacant.

### **Application Process and Recommendation**

On June 23, 2025, the Town released a call for applications for the Lay Member seat on the Town website with a closing date of August 1, 2025. Staff received five applications for the Lay Member seat, of which four met eligibility requirements. Staff reviewed the applicants' backgrounds and responses to application questions and conducted informal interviews with four applicants for the Lay Member seat. Consideration was made for each applicant's demonstrated experience serving on committees or boards; their strategic thinking about how to tackle the next steps of developing the program; and their desired involvement in Truckee's arts community. Based on the above criteria, staff recommends Colleen Connors to complete the four-year Lay Member term ending August 31, 2028. Colleen Connors has been on boards and in volunteer leadership positions for over 15 years, she provided excellent strategies and ideas for developing the public art program, she has time to commit to PACT and a deep appreciation of public

art, and she has lived in Truckee for over 20 years. Staff confirmed the eligibility of Colleen Connors with Nevada County Elections staff.

**Priority:**

<input type="checkbox"/>	Enhanced Communication	<input type="checkbox"/>	Climate and Greenhouse Gas Reduction	<input type="checkbox"/>	Housing
<input type="checkbox"/>	Infrastructure Investment	<input type="checkbox"/>	Emergency and Wildfire Preparedness	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Core Service

**Fiscal Impact:** No direct fiscal impact.

**Public Communication:** This staff report.

**Attachments:** None.