

TO: City Council

FROM: Kevin McNamee, Mayor
David Newman, Councilmember

DATE: September 12, 2023

SUBJECT: Arts and Culture Roundtable Appointments

RECOMMENDATION:

1. Approve reappointments of Anthony Angelini and Megan McDonough to the Arts and Culture Roundtable for two-year terms, expiring June 30, 2025.
2. Approve appointments of Brittany Brouhard, Michelle Butera, Taylor Griese, Rossanna Guerra, and Kerry J. Nelson to the Arts and Culture Roundtable for two-year terms, expiring June 30, 2025.
3. Find that this action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act.

FINANCIAL IMPACT:

No Additional Funding Requested. Minimal staff time required to prepare the report is included in the Adopted FY 2023-24 General Fund Budget.

BACKGROUND:

The Arts and Culture Roundtable (Roundtable) was established in May 2019 as an advisory body to City Council on matters pertaining to Arts and Culture within the community. Composition of the Roundtable permits up to 15 members. The Roundtable is intended to bring together a balance of representation from local arts organizations, local working artists, and arts educators with distribution across the visual and performing arts fields. Members serve staggered, two-year terms. Per the enacting resolution, up to seven seats will expire in the odd years, with up to eight expiring in the even years.

DISCUSSION/ANALYSIS:

The Roundtable provides an opportunity to convene a balanced membership from the various segments of the local arts community, focused more broadly on the community than previous advisory bodies. Members shall work together to build and strengthen community relationships, identify needs, and develop their work plan. The Roundtable will provide City Council with a proposed annual work plan for approval and an annual report of their activity.

An open application period solicited interest to fill up to eight available vacancies. Seven applications were received; five interviews were conducted on July 27, 2023, via Zoom. Two interviews were subsequently conducted via Zoom on August 10, 2023, for applicants who were unavailable for the initial interview date. After reviewing the seven applicants, it was determined that all of the applicants meet the criteria of the Roundtable.

The following appointments are recommended: Anthony Angelini (incumbent), Brittany Brouhard, Michelle Butera, Taylor Griese, Rossanna Guerra, Megan McDonough (incumbent), and Kerry J. Nelson. Applications for the appointees are included in Attachment #1.

COUNCIL GOAL COMPLIANCE:

Meets the following City Council goal:

G. Continue City's commitment to community and cultural programs and services (such as Performing Arts/Theatres, Libraries, TOTV, Visual Arts, Youth and Senior Programs).

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Attachment:

Attachment #1 – Applications for selected applicants