



**ARTS COMMISSION**

Monday, September 25, 2023  
Council Chambers  
505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651  
5:00 P.M.

**- A G E N D A -**

- 1) Call to Order
- 2) Approval of Minutes
- 3) Chair's Announcements (Ballard)
- 4) Commissioner, Council and Staff Communications
- 5) Public Communications - *To assist the Arts Commission in the timely completion of its business, speakers are asked to limit their presentation to three minutes or less.*
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A. **Art in Public Places - 1369 North Coast Highway** – Discuss and approve the installation of the sculpture “Sea Breeze Symphony” by Rahul Jobalia to satisfy the Art in Public Places requirement of the Municipal Code. (Commissioner: Schwerner, Staff Wood.)
  - B. **Youth Art Advisory Board**– Discuss and select members to serve on the Board. (Commissioner Smith, Staff: McGregor)
- 7) Adjournment  
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cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Council Liaison Mayor Pro-Tem, Director Transit and Community Services

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## LAGUNA BEACH ARTS COMMISSION

Regular Meeting

Monday, September 11, 2023

Council Chambers

505 Forest Avenue, Laguna Beach, CA 92651

5:00 p.m.

### Recap of Minutes

**PRESENT:** **Commissioners:** Donna Ballard, Austin Barrow, Suzi Chauvel, Michael Ervin, Pat Kollenda, Michael Ray (arrived 5:04 p.m.), and Adam Schwerner. **ABSENT:** Carl Smith.

**STAFF:** Siân Poeschl, Cultural Arts Manager, Michael McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator, and Karen Wood, Public Art Coordinator

- 1) Donna Ballard called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.
- 2) Staff McGregor noted the minutes would need to be amended to include Commissioner Barrow's attendance and voting. The minutes of the August 14, 2023, meeting were approved with the recommended changes. M/S Kollenda/Schwerner.
- 3) **Chair's Announcements:** None.
- 4) **Commissioner and Staff Communications:** Michael Ervin noted attending the Laguna Beach Arts Alliance meeting on September 8, 2023. Pat Kollenda noted attending the dedication of the mural "Super Natural Bloom" by DABSMYLA at Alta Laguna Park. Staff McGregor noted a successful Music in the Park season and first fall Sunset Serenades concert. Staff Wood thanked staff and commissioners for attending the mural dedication and 9/11 remembrance ceremony. Staff Poeschl noted the Public Art Ordinance would be brought to City Council in January 2024, and changes to the language for the Artist Review Panel would be reviewed by the Arts Commission at its next meeting. Staff noted the walkway mural by Beau Stanton and temporary sculpture by David Kizziar were on schedule for completed installation. Staff noted the findings of the Arts & Economic Prosperity Report would be available on October 13, 2023.
- 5) **Public Communications:** None.
- 6) Items for Discussion and Action:
  - A) **2024 City Hall Exhibitions** – Staff McGregor presented the schedule for 2024 exhibitions at City Hall. A motion was made to approve the schedule as presented. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
  - B) **2024 Performance Dates** – Staff McGregor presented the proposed performance schedule for the 2023-24 season. A motion was made to rename "World Music Series" to "Sunset Serenades featuring World Music". M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None. A motion was made to approve the schedule with preference to hold Circus Bella on June 8, 2024. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None. A motion was made to direct staff to coordinate with Pacific Opera Project and Pacific Symphony and return with a recommendation from the Performances sub-committee. M/S Kollenda/Chauvel. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None. Staff Poeschl recommended purchasing a generator for emergency back-up in case of power outages during scheduled concerts.

- C) **2023 Council Chamber Banner** – Staff Wood presented the submitted designs for the Council Chamber Banner Competition. A motion was made to select the designs by Bill Atkins, Carole Boller, Erika Bradberry, and Al Esquerra. M/S Kollenda/Ervin. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- D) **Sub-Committee Assignments** – Donna Ballard presented the recommended sub-committee assignments. A motion was made to approve the sub-committee assignments as presented. M/S Ervin/Schwerner. Yeas: Ballard, Barrow, Chauvel, Ervin, Kollenda, Ray, Schwerner. Noes: None.
- 7) Adjourned at 5:41 p.m.

cc: City Manager, City Clerk, Mayor Pro-Tem Kempf, Director of Transit and Community Services

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Karen Wood, Public Arts Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** 6A  
**Title:** 1369 North Coast Highway Art in Public Places Application  
**Location:** City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

The property located at 1369 North Coast Highway is a new commercial and industrial building being developed by TLB LLC who have elected to install artwork to satisfy the Municipal Code requirement of Chapter 1.09 Art -in Public Places. [\(LINK to the Municipal Code\)](#)

**Summary of the Matter**

The artwork entitled “Sea Breeze Symphony” is a sculpture consisting of multiple interwoven two-inch stainless-steel ribbons primed and spray painted with metallic paint. The sculpture by artist Rahul Jobalia will measure 5 feet in height by 7 feet 4 inches in width by 6 inches in depth, mounted 12 inches from the ground on an exterior cement wall facing North Coast Highway. The sculpture will have a 2-inch top and bottom anchoring system made of galvanized stainless steel with additional anchoring into the wall. The sculpture will be finished in turquoise, orange, and steel patina, with a gloss finish. Each of these three ribbons represents a different aspect of Laguna Beach’s character as described in the application. The sculpture will be lit by existing LED lighting. Maintenance will be facilitated by the property owner and is anticipated to be cleaning and refreshing the paint every 5-7 years as needed.

The application does not include the previous experience of the artist or examples of work; however, the property representative Neel Desai will present the proposal to the Arts Commission and will provide additional materials and will be available to answer questions.

**Recommendation:**

The Public Arts Sub-Committee consisting of Adam Schwerner, Pat Kollenda and Donna Ballard have reviewed the submission and recommend the Arts Commission hear the presentation and consider the application.

**ART IN PUBLIC PLACES APPLICATION FORM**

Chapter 1.09 of the Municipal code describes the intent and purpose of the Laguna Beach Art in Public Places program. Please see pages 1-4.

The requirements of chapter 1.09 apply to the following types of projects. Please check the type which describes your project:

- A. New commercial and industrial development.
- B. Residential development (including subdivisions) of more than four lots or units.
- C. Remodeling, repair, or reconstruction of buildings in the above two categories when the value exceeds \$225,000.00.
- D. Certain City public works projects when the value exceeds \$225,000.00.

Address of project: 1369 North Coast Highway

Description and proposed use of structure: See attached description of artwork

Developer: TLB LLC

Contact Person: Neel Desai

Address: 801 Parkcenter Dr. Ste 100 Santa Ana, CA 92705

Phone: 714-600-5116

Name of Owner: TLB LLC Phone: 714-940-0030

Address of Owner: 801 Parkcenter Dr. Ste 100 Santa Ana, CA 92705

Expected date of occupancy: September 28<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Two options are available for complying with the Art in Public Places program. Please indicate below the option you have selected.

- Paying an in-lieu fee which is a contribution to the Art In-Lieu fund and will be equal to 1.25% of the total project valuation; or
- Acquiring and installing an art work on the project site which is of at least 1% of the total project valuation.

Please complete this form and contact the staff Liaison to the Laguna Beach Arts Commission at 497-0722 if you plan to install an art piece at the project site.

The in-lieu fee must be paid by the project applicant at the time of final subdivision map approval or issuance of a certificate of occupancy; or a final art plan must be approved by the City Council before building permit is issued, and the art must be installed before the Certificate of Occupancy is issued. **This form must be submitted with your revised plans.**

Signature of Applicant: [Signature] Date: 09/14/23

For Community Development Department Use:  
Estimated Valuation (Subject to revision during Department review) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
cc. Cultural Arts Department

TLB LLC

TLB LLC Art in Public Places

1369 North Coast Highway Laguna Beach, CA 92651

Artist: Rahul Jhobalia

### **Title of art piece: Sea Breeze Symphony**

**Description:** “Sea Breeze Symphony” is a dynamic and elegant art sculpture that captures the essence of Laguna Beach. The sculpture consists of multiple stainless steel ribbons or waves flowing in a graceful, interweaving manner. Each ribbon represents a different aspect of Laguna Beach’s character:

- Wave of Nature: one ribbon depicts the undulating curves and forms of ocean waves, symbolizing the city’s stunning coastline and its harmonious relationship with the Pacific Ocean.
- Brushstroke of Artistry: another ribbon takes the form of a paintbrush stroke or a calligraphy brush, representing Laguna Beach’s thriving artistic community and its rich heritage in various art forms.
- Sunbeam of Radiance: A ribbon of curves and twists like a sunbeam, symbolizing the abundant sunshine and the golden light that bathes Laguna Beach, creating a warm and inviting atmosphere.

Note:

The sculpture will be mounted on the wall allowing residents and visitors to appreciate its fluid and captivating design. The stainless steel material ensures durability and reflects the surrounding environment, mimicking the interplay of light on the oceans surface.

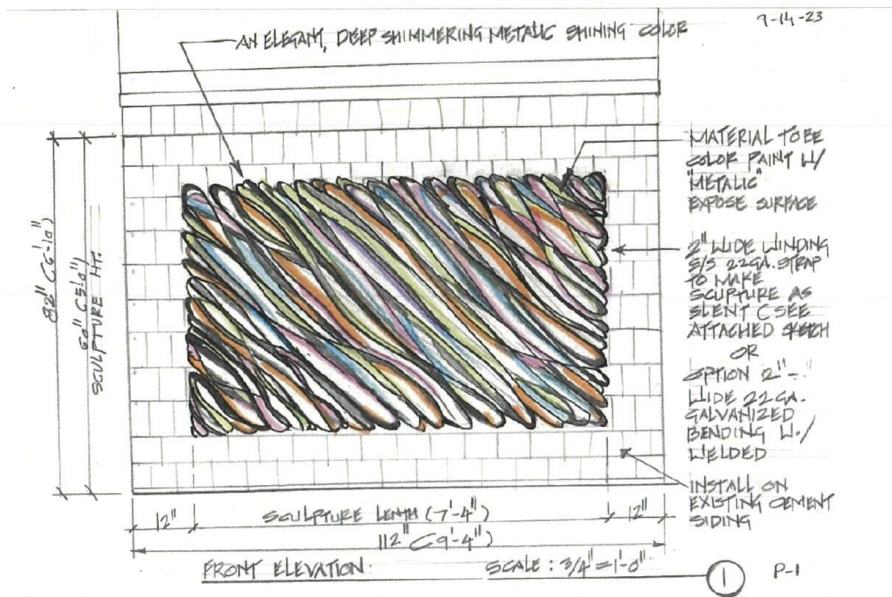
Sea Breeze Symphony serves as a tribute to Laguna Beach’s coastal beauty and artistic spirit, inviting viewers to experience the harmony of nature and creativity that defines the city.

**Material:** the “ribbons” will be made in steel, primed and painted with metallic paint. The “Wave of Nature” will be painted in a turquoise color. The “Brushstroke of artistry” will remain in the steel color and finally the “Sunbeam of Radiance” will be painted in a orange color representing a setting sun

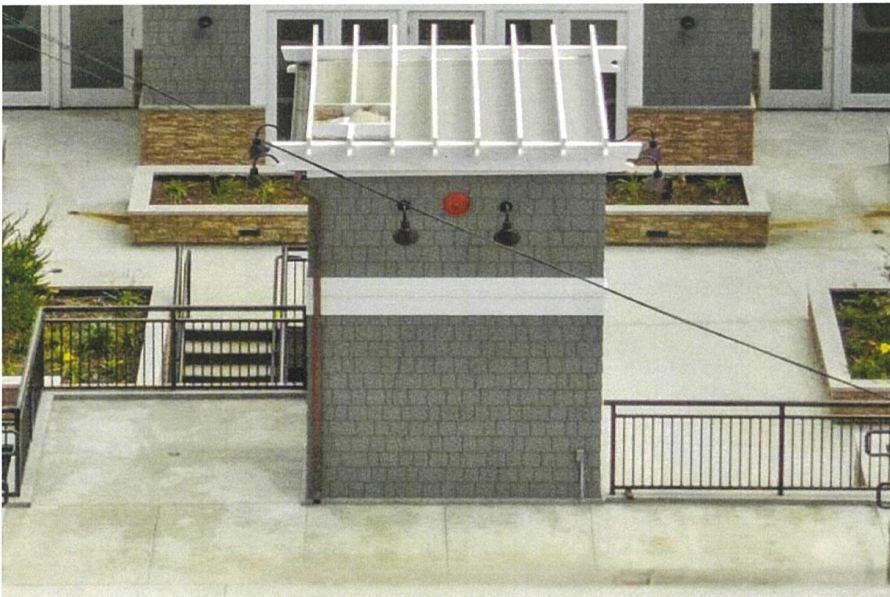
**Maintenance:** Since the piece will be made in steel and the colors on the piece will be primed and painted, there will be minimal maintenance. The piece will need some dusting which the regular association will take care of but other than that there may be some repainting needed every 5-7 years (if necessary).







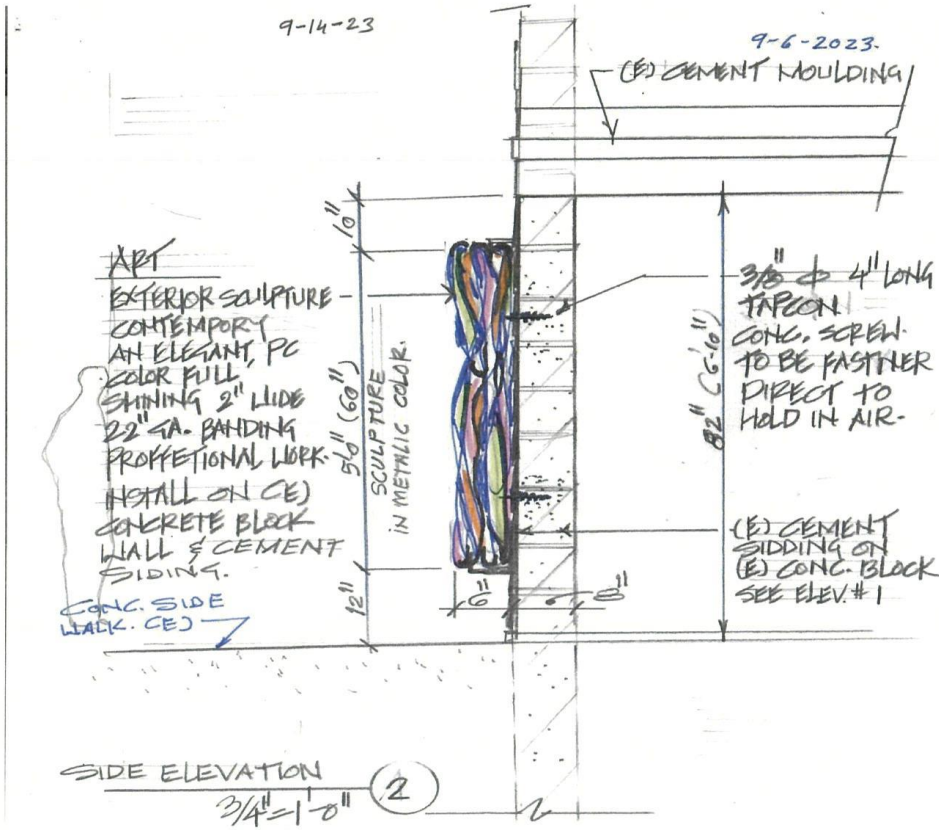
PROPOSED FRONT ELEVATION



WALL MEASUREMENTS 112" w X 82" h

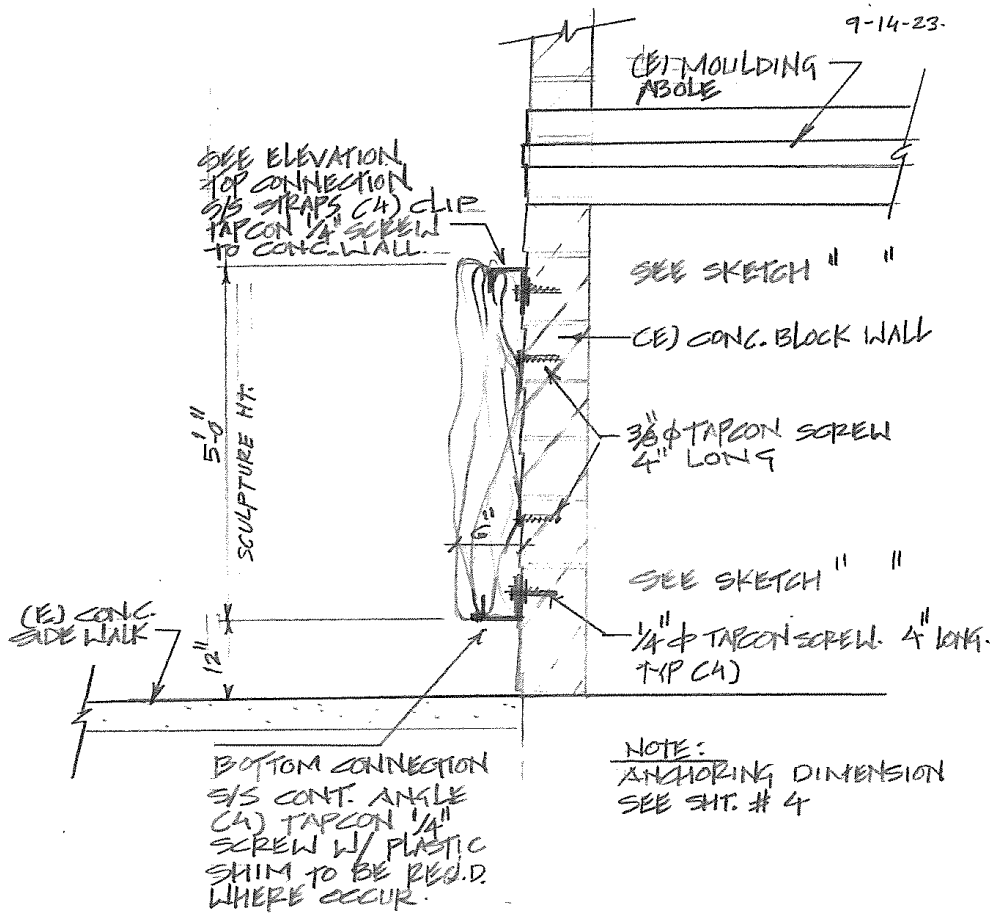


Installation Method:



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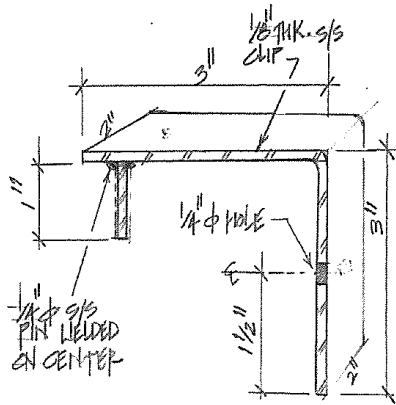
ANCHORING DETAIL  
 FIELD CONNECTION 3/4" = 1'-0"

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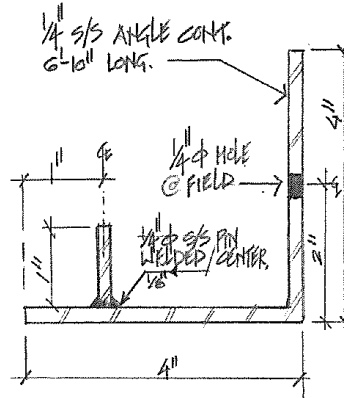
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TOP ANCHOR CLIP S/S (4) PER D HP.  
 2"-WIDE CLIP - 1/8" THICK.  
 SKETCH - "A"



BOTTOM ANCHOR S/S ANGLE CONT.  
 (1) PER PERIOD.  
 SKETCH - "B"

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MATERIAL TO BE USED FOR EXTERIOR MODERN SCULPTURE

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- 1 2" WIDE GALVANIZED STEEL STRAP 22 GA. TO BENDING AS PER SKETCH AND SOME AREA TO WELDED.
- 2 PAINT DESCRIPTION AS FOLLOWS. OR EQUAL CO. TO BE USED.
  - A. GALVANIZED STRAP TO BE 280 GRID SANDING PAPER
  - B. USE "DY-MARK CO. ZINC GAL. SMOOTH DECORATING. FINISH
  - C. USE "DY-MARK CO. ETCH PRIMER OVER IT
  - D. USE "DY-MARK CO. SILVER ZINC PROTECT MTL SURFACE METALLIC SILVER FINISH ON IT. FOR FAST DRYING
  - E. FINAL TOUCH-UP "RUST-OLEUM" PAINTER TOUCH 2X ULTRA COVER PAINT PRIMER + GLOSS SHINING PAINT
- 3 NOTE: ALL ABOVE COMPANY PRODUCT TO USE FOR EXTERIOR AN ELEGANT MODERN SCULPTURE. SEE DESIGN, SIZE, ANCHORING, SUPPORTS CLIP AND ANGLE WITH FASTENERS. WITH ATTACHED SHEETS. EQUAL CO. TO BE USED AS PER OTHER SELECTED.

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## R J RESUME

### QUALIFICATION:

1972 to 1976 J.J. school of art Architecture degree in bombay, India  
1975 to 1977 Bandra shool of art Interior design degree in Bombay, India  
1981 to 1985 Tritone college, Chicago Illinois USA (graduate special subject)

### EXPERIENCE:

Self Employee in Bombay, India.  
1977 to 1980 Architecture and interior design project for residence building  
1974 to 1978 Commercial and Art project for bollywood movie poster with artist.

Employment in California, USA.  
1984 to 1990 Architecture project for restaurant design and liquor store design  
1991 to 1993 Architecture building and Restaurant design and kitchen design  
1993 to 1998 Architecture high Rice building natural stone project in domestic  
And las Vegas Casino interior and Exterior projects.

Self Employee in California, USA.  
1995 to 2022 Architecture and interior building new and remodels project  
for residence and commercial buildings.  
2005 to 2022 Personal Art project has been done for temple art and craft works.  
Also Public art.

REFERENCES: See attached some certificates and Photograph of Project  
Has been done. USA AND CANADA

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8265 Fontainbleau  
Cypress ca. 90630

**City of Laguna Beach  
Cultural Arts Department  
Staff Report**

**To:** Arts Commission  
**From:** Mike McGregor, Arts Program Coordinator  
**Agenda Item:** 6B  
**Title:** Youth Art Advisory Board  
**Location:** Laguna Beach City Hall, 505 Forest Avenue

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**Overview**

The Arts Commission has approved the establishment of a Youth Art Advisory Board to expand opportunities for young community members to participate in the arts and engage in Arts Commission programming. The deadline to submit an application for the program was September 18, 2023. The program was open to residents or students enrolled full-time in a college or school in Laguna Beach between the ages of 14 and 24.

**Summary of the Matter**

The following three eligible applications were submitted for consideration:

1)

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| <b>Applicant:</b>             | <b>Hannah Miller, age 16</b>  |
| <b>Statement of Interest:</b> | I have been involved in the arts since first grade when my painting, QUEENIE, was selected for exhibition at the Festival of the Arts. Since then, I have been active in the arts and have explored various formats and media. Today I am enrolled in the AP Drawing class at LBHS as a Junior. Participation in the Youth Art Advisory would give me a chance to give back to the community by representing my age group in important City Council matters. As a former winner of the Palette Competition, I was intrigued to join the City Council meeting where my work was recognized. It would be an honor for me to give back to this city that has always supported my journey as an artist. |
| <b>Experience:</b>            | In high school, I have been continuously enrolled in art programs - including my current enrollment in AP Art. Earlier this year, I was part of a team that created a 48-hour pop-up art installation on Forest Avenue in front of Tuvalu. As a leader in the planning process, I worked with classmates to find a location for the installation, create design proposals for approval by the Laguna Beach City Arts Commission, and develop the project budget. My work in the Girl Scouts of America Troop 3222 since age 5 has given me experience in public speaking, managing projects, as well as coordinating meetings and events.   |

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| <b>Applicant:</b>             | <b>Charley Jerabek, age 15</b>  |
| <b>Statement of Interest:</b> | I would love to be apart of a leadership committee for the arts in Laguna Beach. I am a current art student in the local high school, and am very inspired by Laguna Beach and its art opportunities                                      |
| <b>Experience:</b>            | I am on asb in the art committee to expand access to arts on my campus. I am taking an art pathway at LBHS, and have participated in many local art competitions. I am also currently creating a concept dance show, mostly artist based. |

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| <b>Applicant:</b>             | Luci Pina, age 16  |
| <b>Statement of Interest:</b> | You see I was recommended to join by my art teacher and after looking into it the Art Advisory Board has piqued my interest As, I See myself as an artist. Art is my main interest and it has been for all my like. I love to draw, paint, Model, And even animated. I also want to help influence art in the city of Laguna Beach and help others as well. I Look forward to hear back from the Youth Art Advisory Board. Thank you   |
| <b>Experience:</b>            | I feel like it would be beneficial to serve on the board for a load of different reasons. Firstly I am good with art of all kinds and can see different art pieces for what they are. Secondly, I am good with leadership skills and even got into the student council two years in a row. Thirdly I'm able to look at the bigger picture and look outside the box and I feel like I would be able to bring a lot to the board thank you for talking the time to read what I have to say |

### Recommendation

It is recommended the Arts Commission select applicants to serve as the Youth Arts Advisory Board commencing October 2023 through May 2024.