



Report to City Council

TO: Mayor and City Council
Mayor and City Council Acting in its Capacity as
President and Members of the Board of Directors of
the Moreno Valley Community Services District (CSD)

FROM: Jeremy Bubnick, Parks & Community Services
Director

AGENDA DATE: January 20, 2026

TITLE: PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION 2025 CALENDAR YEAR
ANNUAL REPORT (REPORT OF: PARKS AND
COMMUNITY SERVICES) (DISTRICTS: ALL
DISTRICTS)

TITLE SUMMARY: Public Arts Commission Annual Report

DISTRICT: All Districts

Recommendation(s)

That the City Council and CSD:

1. Receive and File.

SUMMARY

The Public Arts Commission shall act in an advisory capacity to the City Council to encourage, stimulate, promote, and foster programs for the cultural enrichment of the City and thereby contribute to the quality of life in Moreno Valley and develop an awareness of the value of the arts in Moreno Valley in the business community, in local government, and in the general public. In addition, the commission shall advise the City Council with respect to the following:

- Planning for the arts in Moreno Valley;

- Facilitating interaction among artists;
- Promoting arts activities and education;
- Recognizing achievement in arts;
- Providing a mechanism for public participation in the arts;
- Serving as an advisory group on the arts to the City Council;
- Advising the City Council on the involvement of arts in economic development;
- Supporting and assisting existing organizations involved in arts and/or culture in Moreno Valley;
- Reinforcing the City's identity and civic pride through arts and culture;
- Recognizing the importance of arts to the City's quality of life;
- Researching grants for arts and culture and making recommendations to the City Council;
- Encouraging service organizations and/or other governmental agencies to propose, finance, and give public arts projects to the City;
- Reviewing and considering proposed gifts as to their artistic quality, authenticity, appropriate site, and maintenance and installation costs; and
- Performing any other functions that may be designated by resolution or motion of the City Council.

The Commission shall research and provide reports and recommendations to the City Council on possible sources of funding, in addition to public funds for potential city public art projects, recognizing that any proposed annual public art plan may well include a variety of funding strategies including, but not limited to:

- Private contributions
- Grants
- Corporate sponsorships
- Matching gifts
- Development fees (if allowable and adequate)
- Outright gifts of actual public art

COMPOSITION

The following persons serve as voting members:

1. Samantha Contreras, Chairperson
2. Andrea Austin, Vice-Chairperson
3. Lizbeth Orellana, Commissioner
4. Evangelina Weiss, Commissioner
5. Arzill Beason, Commissioner
6. Justin Settle, Commissioner

RECOMMENDATIONS SUBMITTED TO COUNCIL/DISPOSITION

Arts in California Parks Grant – The Public Arts Commission assisted in the call to artist and entertainment for the Multi-cultural and Art Festival, which was held on March 8,

2025. With the support of the Public Arts Commission, 24 artists showcased their talent and celebrated diversity through their mediums.

Demonstration Garden Sculpture – The Public Arts Commission recommended that the City Council review and consider the Public Arts Commission’s approval of the Public Art Program Request for Funding Application for Silly Sunflower at the Community Demonstration Garden. The amount of funding being requested by the applicant was \$7,670. City Council approved the recommendation on October 7, 2025.

Utility Box Art Program - The Public Arts Commission recommended that the City Council review and consider the Public Arts Commission’s approval of five utility box designs submitted by Alexandra Garcia (Pigeon Pass Rd./Old Lake Dr.), Andrew Lyko (Frederick St./Cottonwood Ave.), Brandon Carn (Elsworth St./Cactus Ave.), Octavio Orozco (Arbor Park Ln./Eucalyptus Ave.) and Shayne Mitchell (Iris Ave./ Via Del Lago). City Council approved the recommendation on November 18, 2025, which authorized up to \$500 per design.

Art Loan Policy - The Public Arts Commission recommended expanding Art Loan Policy #4.04, which had previously allowed only Moreno Valley residents to submit applications to display their works of art. The City Council approved the recommendation to include residents of Riverside County on November 18, 2025.

OTHER ACTIVITIES

Call to Artist Utility Box Program - The Public Arts Commission approved a budget of \$500 for each box artwork and \$1,200 to the wrap vendor. The funds will be allocated from the Public Art Program budget. Staff presented a map of the 32 utility boxes available for artist submission for the Utility Box Wrap program. Call to Artists began on August 2025 and will remain open until filled.

Public Art Program Budget - The Public Arts Commission recommended a \$250,000 budget to be approved by City Council that went into effect on July 1, 2025.

Immersive Museum – The Public Arts Commission shared input on ways to create a space for the community to be part of the Immersive Museum. Due to this recommendation, a space where local artists and/or classes can take place has been added to the museum’s plans.

Moreno Valley Unified School District Art Show - Chairperson Contreras and Vice-Chairperson Austin volunteered to serve as judges for the Moreno Valley Unified School District Art Show on May 16, 2025.

EL Potrero Park Mural – On September 20, 2024, the City Council approved Chris Poupore’s Public Art Application, which was placed on hold in May 2024. The project included a two-day community workshop and a coloring book with an explanation of artwork, which was completed on June 21, 2025.

ATTENDANCE

The Commission held 10 regular meetings.

Name	Regular Meeting Absences	Percent Absent
Contreras	0/10	0%
Austin	1/10	10%
Orellana	1/10	10%
Weiss	1/10	10%
Beason	2/10	20%
Settle	1/1	100%

ALTERNATIVES

1. Receive and File.

FISCAL IMPACT

There is no fiscal impact associated with this item.

NOTIFICATION

Posting of Agenda.

PREPARATION OF STAFF REPORT

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CITY COUNCIL GOALS

Advocacy: Develop cooperative intergovernmental relationships and be a forceful advocate of City policies, objectives, and goals to appropriate external governments, agencies and corporations.

Community Image, Neighborhood Pride and Cleanliness: Promote a sense of community pride and foster an excellent image about our City by developing and executing programs which will result in quality development, enhanced neighborhood preservation efforts, including home rehabilitation and neighborhood restoration.

Positive Environment: Create a positive environment for the development of Moreno Valley's future.

Public Facilities and Capital Projects: Ensure that needed public facilities, roadway improvements, and other infrastructure improvements are constructed and maintained.

Public Safety: Provide a safe and secure environment for people and property in the community, control the number and severity of fire and hazardous material incidents, and provide protection for citizens who live, work and visit the City of Moreno Valley.

Revenue Diversification and Preservation: Develop a variety of City revenue sources and policies to create a stable revenue base and fiscal policies to support essential City services, regardless of economic climate.

CITY COUNCIL STRATEGIC PRIORITIES

- 1. Economic Development**
- 2. Public Safety**
- 3. Library**
- 4. Infrastructure**
- 5. Beautification, Community Engagement, and Quality of Life**
- 6. Youth Programs**

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