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## AGENDA

### REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

**Monday, July 22, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

El Cerrito City Council Chambers  
10890 San Pablo Avenue  
El Cerrito, CA 94530

The City encourages submission of written comments in advance to the Arts and Culture Commission via email to [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) prior to the meeting or by contacting the staff liaison listed above.

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#### **6:00 p.m. CONVENE REGULAR MEETING**

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Audrey Faine; Vice Chair Renée LeVesque  
Members: Courtney Helion, Kim Settles
- 2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**
- 3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
*Remarks are typically limited to three minutes per person and may be on anything within the subject matter jurisdiction of the body. Remarks on non-agenda items will be heard first; remarks on agenda items will be heard at the time the item is discussed.*
- 4. 2024 UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**  
Discuss and consider possible action to approve the recommended finalist for the 2024 Utility Box Public Art Program. (Attachments)
- 5. EL CERRITO ARTS ORGANIZATION DATABASE**  
Discuss next steps and consider possible action items relating to developing a publicly available database of arts organizations that are active in El Cerrito. (Attachment)
- 6. ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**  
Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the ACC calendar of events, including:
  - 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Debrief
  - October Arts Month (Attachment)
  - Juneteenth Event
- 7. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
Consider approval of the minutes of the June 24, 2024, meeting. (Attachment)
- 8. UPCOMING ITEMS**
  - Poet Laureate Update and Proposed Term Extension
  - Pilot Pavement Art CFA
  - City Hall Gallery Space CFA
  - Public Art on Private Project – 729 Kearney

## **9. ADJOURNMENT**

In compliance with the Americans with Disabilities Act, if you need special assistance to participate in this meeting, please contact the Staff Liaison Will Provost at (510) 215-4318. Notification 48 hours prior to the meeting will enable the City to make reasonable arrangements to ensure accessibility to this meeting. (28 CFR 35.102-35.104 ADA Title I).

Any writings or documents provided to a majority of the members regarding any item on this agenda will be made available for public inspection at [www.el-cerrito.org/acc](http://www.el-cerrito.org/acc).



**CITY OF EL CERRITO  
2024 Utility Box Public Art Program**



**Recommended Finalist**

**Box 4 - Ashbury Ave./Fairmount Ave. (next to Harding  
Elementary School)**

Artist: Iris Fisher

Large Box Title: A Bee's Eye View

Small Box Title: Flight

**From:** [noreply@civicplus.com](mailto:noreply@civicplus.com)  
**To:** [Lina Huang](#); [Will H. Provost](#)  
**Subject:** Online Form Submittal: Utility Box Public Art Program Application  
**Date:** Friday, June 14, 2024 2:50:48 PM

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## Utility Box Public Art Program Application

### UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM - CALL FOR ARTISTS

*Application Deadline: The application is due 4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024. The online application will be inaccessible after the deadline.*

***Please download and read the [Call for Artist document](#) carefully in its entirety before applying. It entails program and design requirements, compensation, selection process, and other essential information.***

*For questions, contact Lina Huang at (510) 215-4371 or [lh Huang@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:lh Huang@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).*

#### THEME

Please refer to [Call for Artist document](#).

#### APPLICATION

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| Lead Artist First Name and Last Name | Iris Fisher |
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| City | Kensington |
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| Zip | 94707 |
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| Contact Email: |  |
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| Assistant Artist(s) | Arielle McMurtrie, Aspen Ross, Elsa Prendergast, Sebastian Weinberger |
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| Title of Artwork(s)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                | Design 1 - Large Box: "A Bee's Eye View"<br>Design 2 - Small Box: "Flight"                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| Name of community group or organization - if applicable                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | n/a                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |
| Lead Artist Biography/Qualifications (up to 300 words):                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | <p>Iris Fisher is a 17-year-old rising senior at El Cerrito High School, who is passionate about making art in many forms. She is part of her high school's Information Technology Academy, where she has studied game design and animation. Last summer, she took an intensive ceramics course at Idyllwild Arts in Southern California. Since early childhood, Iris has also taken art classes locally at places like Kala Art Institute, Sticky Art Lab and UC Berkeley's Academic Talent Development Program.</p> <p>Iris is committed to providing artistic experiences and arts education in the community. For over a year she has volunteered at the Richmond Art Center where she assists with youth classes and day-to-day operations. In the summers, she has been a counselor-in-training at Sticky Art Lab, supporting their ceramics and print-making camps.</p> <p>Iris is particularly inspired by how art can be incorporated into unexpected places, whether that's on a sweatshirt she designed for her calculus class or on a utility box.</p> |
| <p>Examples of previous work that are relevant to this Call for Artists</p> <p>No more than five examples of previous work should be submitted. Artists need not have painted utility or signal boxes before. Each example should include information such as descriptions of the work, location, type of surface, materials used, and who the work was commissioned by or created. Electronic files should be at a resolution appropriate for online viewing.</p> |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |
| #1 - Example of previous work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Rat_Soup_Calculus_Sweatshirt.png</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   |
| #2 - Example of previous work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Jellys_Place_Dog.png</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |
| #3 - Example of previous work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <a href="#">Redwood_Forest.png</a>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                 |
| #4 - Example of previous work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Field not completed.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |
| #5 - Example of previous work                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | <i>Field not completed.</i>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |

**All Attachments have been downloaded and added to the packet**

## Design Rendering(s)

Provide color renderings of your proposed design(s) for the boxes, showing all four sides and the top of each box. Artists may submit up to three designs. However, each proposed design must have its own design rendering. Label each rendering with your name and title of artwork. Electronic files should be at a resolution appropriate for viewing.

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| #1 - Design Rendering | <a href="#">A_Bees_Eye_View.png</a> |
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| #2 - Design Rendering | <a href="#">Flight.png</a> |
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| #3 - Design Rendering | <i>Field not completed.</i> |
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Design Description(s) -  
up to 300 words for  
each utility box:

Design 1 - Large Box:

"A Bee's Eye View" depicts how the human and natural worlds are interwoven in El Cerrito. The individual images on the box, which are glimpses of what an insect - like a bee - would see as it flies through El Cerrito, are connected with a continuous line of paths and roads to make the piece visually cohesive.

Across the box, wild and domesticated animals interact with their complex environment, which is a mix of natural habitats and landscapes cultivated or built by humans. On one side of the box, unseen people grill food from their garden, which connects them to the plants around them and the soil beneath their feet. On another side, there's a "School Zone" sign (with a bird perched on it), which was included to link the art on the box to nearby Harding Elementary School.

Design 2 - Small Box:

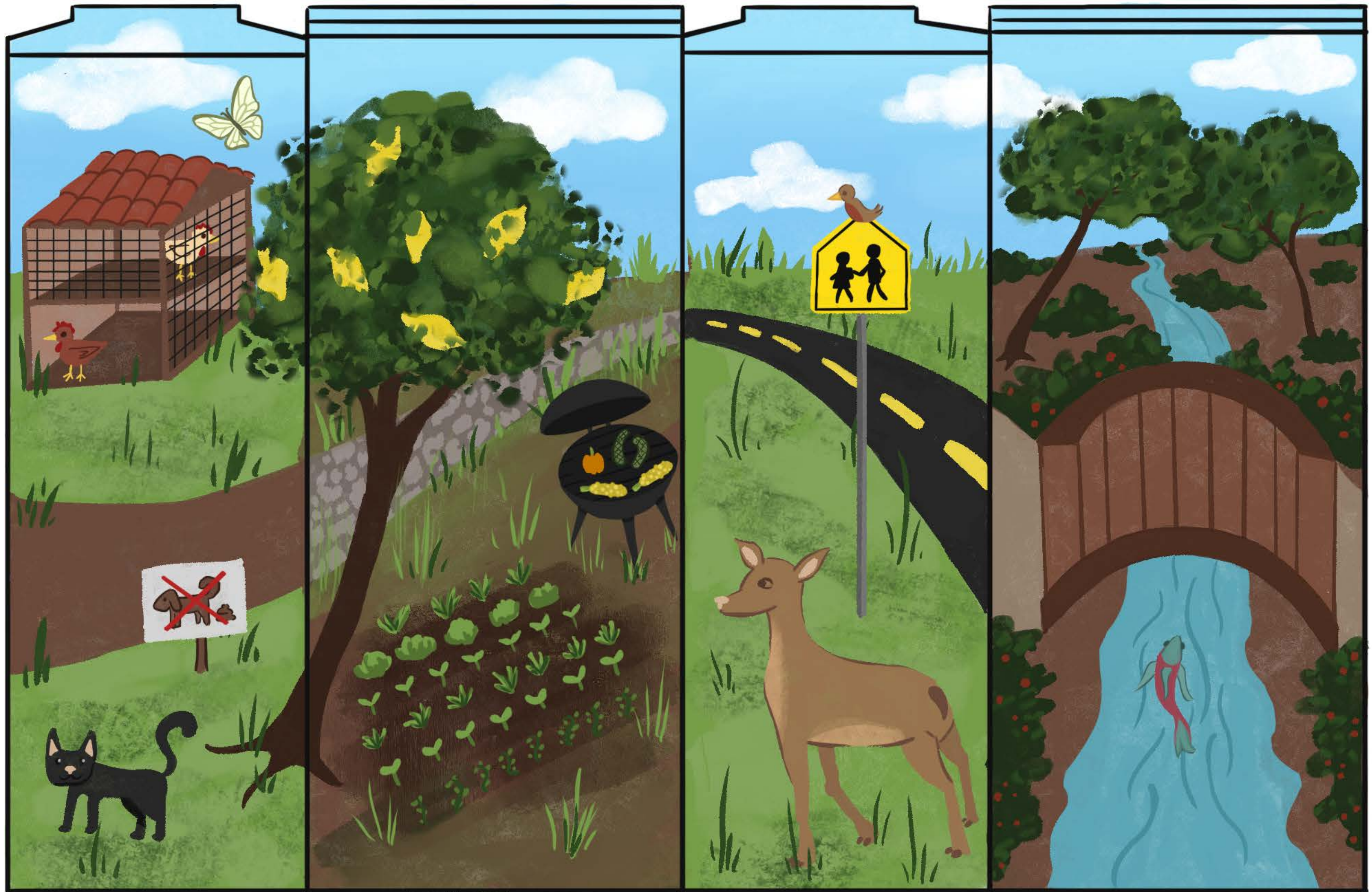
"Flight" honors native animals found in El Cerrito. It includes stylized depictions of native birds including a white-crowned sparrow, scrub jay, and spotted towhee. There's also a California bumblebee, and two native butterflies - a monarch butterfly and anise swallowtail.

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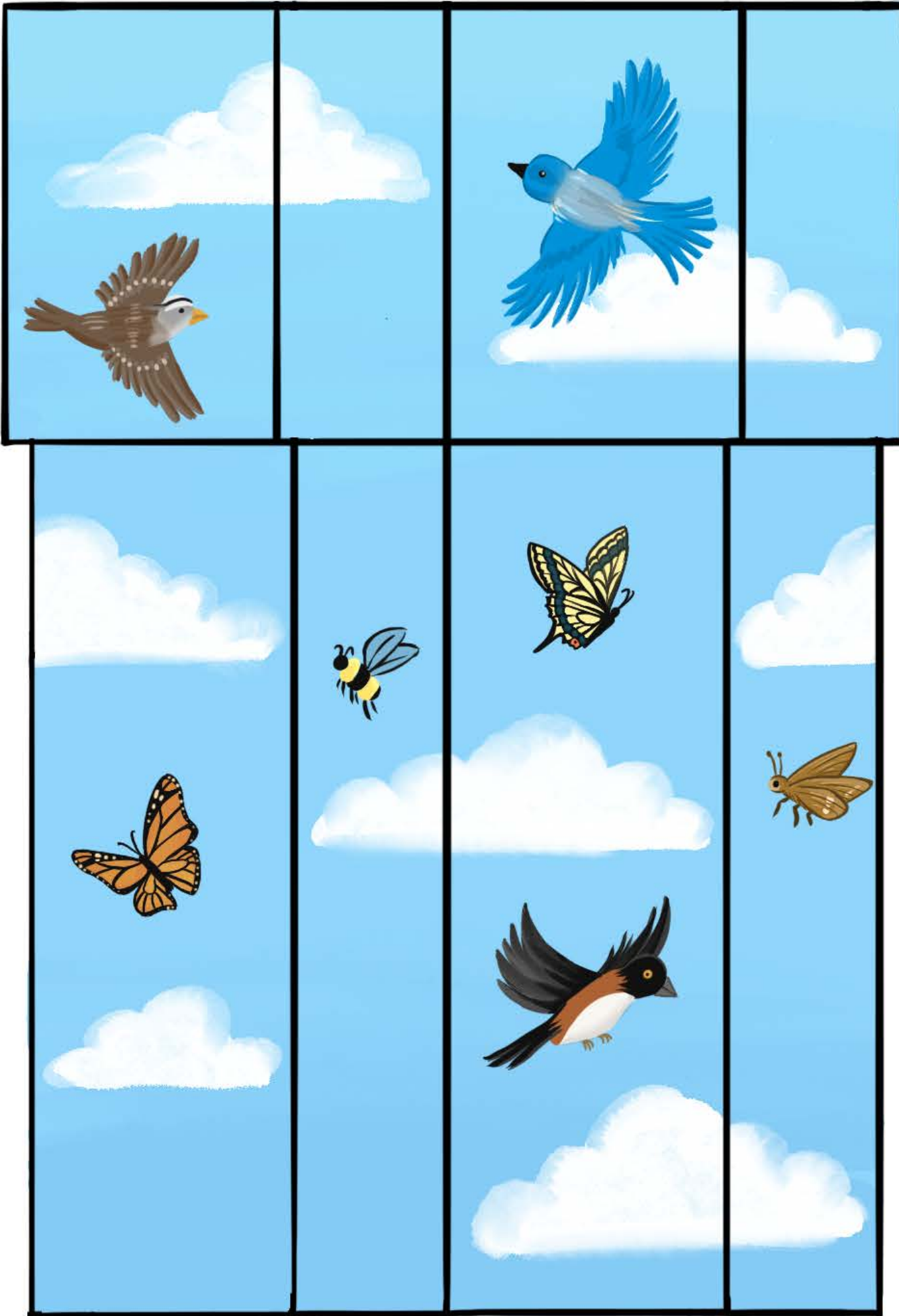
# "A Bee's Eye View" - Large Box

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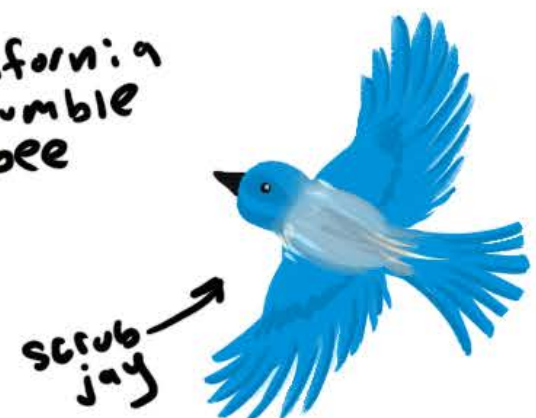


# "Flight"-Small Box

Proposal

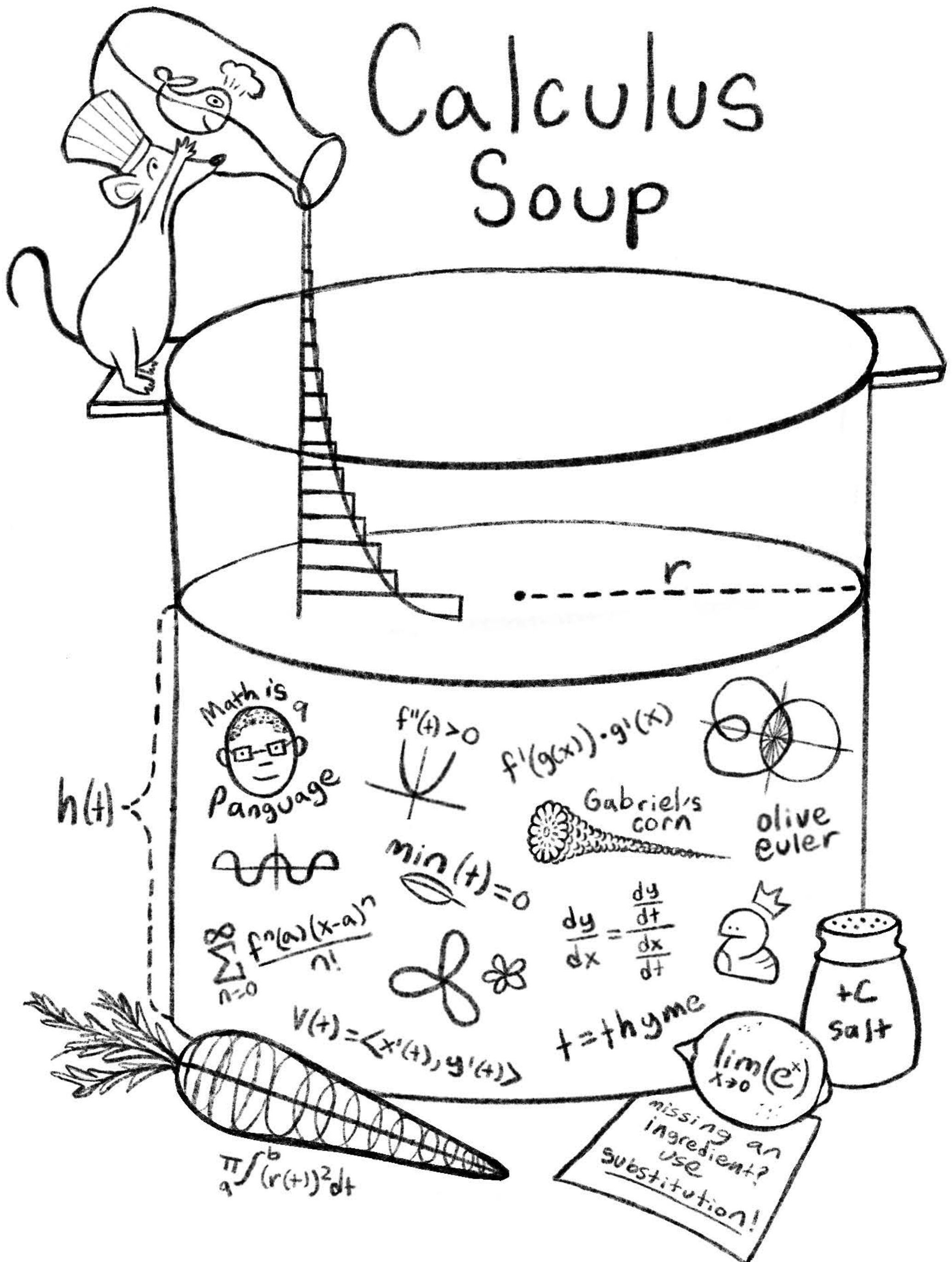


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Previous Work







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Iris



**CITY OF EL CERRITO  
2024 Utility Box Public Art Program  
CALL FOR ARTISTS (CFA)**



**Project Description**

The City of El Cerrito Utility Box Public Art Program is a beautification initiative designed to add to the vibrancy of the San Pablo Avenue corridor. We invite community artists to participate in this program to help our community transform drab and unsightly utility boxes into attractive and captivating works of art that will enhance the beauty of the City's streets and sidewalks for years to come. There are 12 city-owned utility boxes, eight of which have been painted as part of the 2021, 2022, and 2023 Utility Box Public Art Programs. To view the eight completed boxes and learn more about the artists, please visit: <https://www.el-cerrito.org/publicartbox>. This fourth CFA is for one additional utility box this year (see locations and photos in Attachment A).

The program is sponsored by the El Cerrito Arts & Culture Commission (ACC).

**Application Deadline**

The application is due by **4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024** online. If submitting online is not a feasible option, please make arrangements with Lina Huang prior to the deadline to submit an alternative way by contacting Lina directly at [lh Huang@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:lh Huang@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us) or at (510) 215-4371.

**Application Guidelines**

- Application materials must be clear and able to read on a computer.
- Artists may submit a single application for one or multiple utility boxes. The City reserves the right to select a single artist for all boxes or may select different artists for different boxes.
- All components of the application must be submitted at one time as a single package.
- All entries must be the original design and artwork of the applicant(s); artwork must not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied.
- Entries that use copyrighted or trademarked images are not eligible unless legal permission has been granted.
- Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead.
- The artist(s) name and a photo of the artwork may be featured on the City of El Cerrito website and other promotional materials.
- Make sure to include all items listed in the Application Checklist below (see Attachment B).

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**2024 UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM**  
**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

Applications can be submitted online at [www.el-cerrito.org/publicartbox](http://www.el-cerrito.org/publicartbox).

For questions, contact Will Provost at (510) 215-4318 or [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

| Project Schedule (subject to change)          |                                                                                      |
|-----------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Wednesday, May 1, 2024                        | Call for Artists released                                                            |
| Friday, June 14, 2024                         | The application is due online by <b>4 p.m. on Friday, June 14, 2024.</b>             |
| Monday, June 17 through Friday, July 12, 2024 | Application Review, Interview(s) with Selected Applicants by Selection Panel         |
| Week of July 15, 2024                         | Artist Selected                                                                      |
| Monday, July 22, 2024                         | Selected Artist to be Presented to the Arts and Culture Commission                   |
| Monday, August 5, 2024                        | Final designs to be Submitted by Artist, Contract is Finalized/Executed, Work Begins |
| Friday, September 6, 2024                     | Box Complete!                                                                        |

**Theme**

Artwork that celebrates El Cerrito's Natural Beauty and Environment.

**Art Installation Process**

City Staff will coordinate with the artist, other City departments, and neighboring businesses or homeowners to select a mutually agreeable painting period between Monday, August 5 and Friday, September 6, 2024.

Artists are responsible for prepping the utility box, painting the design with appropriate paint, and sealing it with a clear anti-graffiti coating (for examples, [Rain Guard VandalSystem](#), [MuralShield](#)). Artists are responsible for purchasing their own painting, prepping, and sealing supplies.

Artists are expected to paint the entire utility box including the side boxes and pipes. The cement base must not be painted on, the City will place a sticker on the base with a QR code that directs to the Arts and Culture Commission website. Artists may not paint over key holes, meters or numbers.

Artists may enlist painting assistants. All painting assistants must sign a liability waiver and release. Underage painting assistants must have a parent sign the liability waiver and release. Upon completion of the box(es), City Staff will meet with the artist at the site to inspect/approve the artwork and take a publicity photo of the artist with their completed utility box.



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**Compensation**

The artist or artist group will receive a \$2,500 award for the creation of the final design for each utility box. 50% (or \$1,250) of the payment will be issued prior to the start of the painting and 50% (or \$1,250) will be issued upon satisfactory completion of the project.

Artists are not employees of City and shall not be eligible for any benefits, entitlements, or incidents of City employment, including but not limited to, eligibility to enroll in the California Public Employees Retirement System (PERS) as an employee of the City and entitlement to any contribution to be paid by City for employer contributions and/or employee contributions for PERS benefits.

**Eligibility**

1. This program is open to individual artists, teams of artists, or community groups with a designated lead artist. (The compensation for each utility box is \$2,500 regardless of the number of artists or individuals who work on the visioning and creation of the design)
2. Applicants must reside in Contra Costa County (East San Francisco Bay Area). Proof of residency may be requested.
3. Selected artists will be required to sign a liability waiver/consent form in order to participate in the project.

**Program & Design Requirements**

- The design must be suitable for viewing by all ages in a public space. Generally, this rule means that the art may not contain advertising, religious art, violence, sexual content, or political partisanship. Designs that do not comply with these standards will not be approved by the City and/or eligible for the award.
- The design shall not include text of any kind, except for the artist's signature as noted below.
- Dark colors over large areas should be avoided, as this may cause the utility box to absorb heat and damage equipment.
- All entries must be the original design and artwork of the applicant(s); artwork must not be plagiarized, stolen, or copied.
- Artists are responsible for the reasonable upkeep of the artwork at the discretion of City staff if it is damaged/defaced.
- Artwork created under this program will be considered temporary artwork and the sole property of the City of El Cerrito. As such, the City retains the right and sole discretion to remove, modify, or replace the artwork. Situations in which the City may exercise this right include, but are not limited to, those in which the image or utility box is damaged where the City is unable to locate the artist, or the box needs to be accessed by an authorized agency, organization, or individual.
- Upon completion of artwork, artists must submit a photo of all sides of the artwork with a numbered list of materials used per side of box to the City (including actual paint colors).



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- Artwork may include the artist's signature, no larger than 5" x 7."
- Artwork must be an original design and the artwork of the applicant.
- Artwork must be painted in fade-resistant acrylic paint.
- Artwork must be suitable for all ages and in keeping with community values.
- Artwork must reflect the City's diversity, historic heritage, or show a connection to El Cerrito in some way.
- Entries must not defame or invade the rights of any person, living or dead.
- Entries that use copyrighted or trademarked images are not eligible unless legal permission has been granted.
- The artist(s) name and a photo of the artwork may be featured on the City of El Cerrito website and other promotional materials.

**Evaluation Criteria (not in order of importance)**

- Residency
- Applicant examples of previous work
- Creativity and originality
- Compatibility of the design with the immediate location of the utility box as well as the general scenery and urban design of the vicinity
- Adherence to the project theme, as described above
- The relationship of the proposed artwork to the social and/or cultural identity of the El Cerrito community
- (If applicable) Applicant's proposal of how they would intend to collaborate with Staff and/or Students at Harding Elementary School to complete the project.
- Bold and bright colors and graphics tend to work well on utility boxes so they can be seen from a distance



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**CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**Review and Selection Process**

City Staff will review applications for completeness. The ACC's Utility Box Public Art Program Selection Panel will review submissions and recommend to the ACC an artist or artists based on the eligibility standards and evaluation criteria listed above. The Selection Panel may consist generally of one (1) member from the ACC, one (1) member of El Cerrito's Art Community, and one (1) member of City Staff. Following the ACC's approval of the design concepts and selected artists, staff will work with the artist(s) to execute any and all contracts and agreements. Then artist(s) will transition the approved design concepts into final artwork.

Applicants may be invited to present their conceptual designs to the ACC and the City Council and, if selected for this project, invited again to present their final designs.



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2024 UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM  
CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**Attachment A**

Utility Box Location & Photos

Artists are responsible for taking final measurements of the box before commencing work.

| Utility Box # | Location                                                           |
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| 4             | Ashbury Ave./Fairmount Ave.<br>(next to Harding Elementary School) |

Main Utility Box: Approximately 65" height X 32.75" width X 24"

Note: The Traffic Signal Box 1.5 feet apart should be incorporated as part of the art and painted on.



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2024 UTILITY BOX PUBLIC ART PROGRAM  
CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**Attachment B  
Project Guidelines and Application Form**

**Application Deadline**

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- Make sure to include all items listed in the Application Checklist below.

Applications can be submitted online at <https://www.el-cerrito.org/publicartbox>.

For questions, contact Will Provost at (510) 215-4318 or [wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us](mailto:wprovost@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us).

**Costs Incurred in Responding to the Call for Artists:**

The City of El Cerrito shall not be liable for any costs incurred by the artist(s) in responding to this request for a design.



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**Application Checklist**

- ☐ Application Coversheet
- ☐ Lead Artist Biography/Qualifications
- ☐ Examples of previous work that are relevant to this Call for Artists:
  - ❖ No more than five examples of previous work should be included. Artists need not have painted utility or signal boxes before.
  - ❖ Each example should include information such as descriptions of the work, location, type of surface, materials used, and who the work was commissioned by or created for.
  - ❖ Electronic files should be at a resolution appropriate for viewing.
- ☐ Design Rendering(s) — Provide color renderings of your proposed design(s) for the box(es), showing all four sides and the top of each box. Artists may submit up to two designs. However, each proposed design must have its own separate page. If you wish to be considered for a specific box location or locations, please label the rendering with the utility box number. If you have no preference, label the rendering “Any.” Label each rendering with your name.
- ☐ Design Description(s) — up to 300 words for each utility box. This is an opportunity to explain your design and indicate how it is related to the preferred theme and/or its connection to El Cerrito.



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CALL FOR ARTISTS**

**Application Coversheet**

*(must be filled out by the Lead Artist)*

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| <b>Lead Artist First Name and Last Name</b> | <b>Date</b>       |              |
|                                             |                   |              |
| <b>Home Address (Street #, Street Name)</b> | <b>City</b>       |              |
|                                             |                   |              |
| <b>Home Phone</b>                           | <b>Cell Phone</b> | <b>Email</b> |
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**Assistant Artist(s) First Name(s) and Last Name(s)** - Artists may enlist assistants, but all assistants must be named here. Use additional pages if necessary

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**Title of Artwork** *(if submitting designs for more than one utility box, include all the artwork titles here and list the utility box # that corresponds to each artwork title)*

**Name of community group or organization - if applicable**

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**Lead Artist Biography/Qualifications (up to 300 words):**

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Design Description(s) - up to 300 words for each utility box:

Lead Artist Printed Name

Date

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Lead Artist Signature

Date

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| Organizations                                  | Website                                                                           | Email                                                                                                     | Mission                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Location   | Focus                           |
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| Arhoolie Foundation                            | <a href="https://arhoolie.org/">https://arhoolie.org/</a>                         |                                                                                                           | Preservation of roots music                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | El Cerrito | Music                           |
| Bay Area Circle Dancers Inc                    | <a href="https://www.circledancing.com/">https://www.circledancing.com/</a>       | <a href="https://www.circledancing.com/contact-us.html">https://www.circledancing.com/contact-us.html</a> | A non profit organization dedicated to healing, joy, and spiritual connection through community dance.                                                                                                                                                                                                                           | unknown    | Dance                           |
| California Multicultural Arts Institution Inc. | <a href="https://calmai.org/">https://calmai.org/</a>                             | <a href="mailto:info@calmai.org">info@calmai.org</a>                                                      | To provide experiential learning in, and exposure to, international cultures featuring dance, instrumental music, singing, crafts, storytelling and other folklore.                                                                                                                                                              | El Cerrito | Dance, Music, Art, Storytelling |
| Center for Enamel Art                          | <a href="https://enamelcenter.org/">https://enamelcenter.org/</a>                 | <a href="https://enamelcenter.org/contact/">https://enamelcenter.org/contact/</a>                         | Our goal is to foster community, among enamel artists and art-lovers alike, to preserve and promote the art of enameling. CCCT is committed to enriching El Cerrito and beyond by presenting high-quality, accessible theatrical productions that reflect our diverse cultural community                                         | El Cerrito | Art                             |
| Contra Costa Civic Theatre                     | <a href="https://www.ccct.org/">https://www.ccct.org/</a>                         | <a href="mailto:CCCT@CCCT.org">CCCT@CCCT.org</a>                                                          | Bay Area community for arts professionals (museums, arts, culture)                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               | El Cerrito | Theater                         |
| Cultural Connections                           | <a href="https://cultural-connections.org/">https://cultural-connections.org/</a> | <a href="mailto:info@cultural-connections.org">info@cultural-connections.org</a>                          | The El Cerrito Art Association is a non-profit organization, co-sponsored by the City of El Cerrito, that supports artists with our programs and activities.                                                                                                                                                                     | unknown    | Arts                            |
| El Cerrito Art Association                     | <a href="https://elcerritoart.org/">https://elcerritoart.org/</a>                 | <a href="mailto:ecartassociation@gmail.com">ecartassociation@gmail.com</a>                                | High school band performances, clinics, festivals, etc.                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | El Cerrito | Art                             |
| El Cerrito Band Association                    | <a href="https://echsbands.com/">https://echsbands.com/</a>                       | <a href="mailto:info@echsbands.com">info@echsbands.com</a>                                                | Yiddish culture - connection & community                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | El Cerrito | Music                           |
| Klezcalifornia Inc                             | <a href="https://klezcalifornia.org/">https://klezcalifornia.org/</a>             | <a href="mailto:nu@klezcalifornia.org">nu@klezcalifornia.org</a>                                          | Dedicated to preserving and celebrating the work of filmmaker Les Blank                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          | El Cerrito | Culture                         |
| Les Blank Films                                | <a href="https://lesblank.com/">https://lesblank.com/</a>                         | <a href="https://lesblank.com/contact/">https://lesblank.com/contact/</a>                                 | Here at Rialto Cinemas Cerrito we feature a great mix of first run films as well as a mix of independent, foreign and classic films.                                                                                                                                                                                             | El Cerrito | Film                            |
|                                                |                                                                                   |                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |            |                                 |
| Storytelling Association of Alta California    | <a href="http://www.storysaac.org/">http://www.storysaac.org/</a>                 | <a href="mailto:saarmst@telis.org">saarmst@telis.org</a>                                                  | To promote Storytelling as a living art. Grow and nurture small storytelling groups; create opportunities for communities to hear storytellers from many cultures; disseminate information about traditional and contemporary storytelling; and cultivate storytelling opportunities through networking, training and education. | El Cerrito | Film                            |
| Together We Stand Corp                         | <a href="https://www.twsrevolution.org/">https://www.twsrevolution.org/</a>       | <a href="mailto:Change@twsrevolution.org">Change@twsrevolution.org</a>                                    | A nonprofit organization dedicated to dismantling racism and discrimination and to promoting equality and inclusion                                                                                                                                                                                                              | unknown    | Social Justice                  |
| Two Cats Gallery Inc                           | <a href="https://www.twocats.gallery/">https://www.twocats.gallery/</a>           | <a href="mailto:twocatsgallery@gmail.com">twocatsgallery@gmail.com</a>                                    | DIY art gallery                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  | El Cerrito | Arts                            |
| Verismo Opera Company                          | <a href="https://www.verismoopera.org/">https://www.verismoopera.org/</a>         | <a href="https://www.verismoopera.org/contact">https://www.verismoopera.org/contact</a>                   | Live opera performances around the Bay Area                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | unknown    | Music                           |
| WePerform Org                                  | <a href="https://www.weperform.org/">https://www.weperform.org/</a>               | <a href="https://www.vrweplay.com/contact-us">https://www.vrweplay.com/contact-us</a>                     | WePerform Org helps individuals of all ages to raise their self-confidence through Performance Art which includes developing skills in the area of Arts, STEM and Physical Education.                                                                                                                                            | El Cerrito | Music, Sports                   |
| WorldOne Radio + Festival                      | <a href="https://worldoneradio.org/">https://worldoneradio.org/</a>               | <a href="mailto:CMASON@WCCUSD.NET">CMASON@WCCUSD.NET</a>                                                  | worldOneradio + festival presents a broad cultural palette of eclectic and earthnic musics, dance, ideation, and dialogue in various venues from classrooms to community festivals.                                                                                                                                              | El Cerrito | Festival                        |

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## **DRAFT MINUTES**

### **REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

**Monday, June 24, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.**

**Staff Liaison**

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1. **ROLL CALL** – Chair Audrey Faine called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m.  
**Present:** Chair Audrey Faine; Vice Chair Renée LeVesque; Member: Kim Settles  
**Absent:** Member Courtney Helion (excused).
  2. **COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS**  
Staff Liaison Provost provided a recap on the successful Markers Faire, an update on the new library project and upcoming staff changes.
  3. **ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**  
None.
  4. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Member Settles/Vice Chair LeVesque **Action:** Motion to approve May 20, 2024 meeting minutes. **Ayes:** Chair Faine; Vice Chair LeVesque; Member Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.
  5. **FILM FESTIVAL DISCUSSION**  
**Presentation and Discussion:** The Commission heard a presentation from leaders of the Albany Film Festival including Jack Kenny, Naomi Lucks-Sigal, and Peggy McQuaid and discussed the 2024 event. Staff responded to comments and questions raised by members of the Commission relating to supporting the Film Festival in El Cerrito.
  6. **YOUTH MEMBERSHIP DISCUSSION**  
**Discussion:** Members of the Commission expressed a definite interest in recruiting a youth member and directed staff to advertise for the position.
  7. **SAN PABLO AVENUE STREETSCAPE ART REPAIR**  
**Moved/Seconded:** Member Settles/Vice Chair LeVesque **Action:** Motion to approve the use of \$10,495 to pay for the repair and re-installation of the works. **Ayes:** Chair Faine; Vice Chair LeVesque; Member Settles. **Noes:** None. Motion approved.

**8. EL CERRITO ARTS ORGANIZATION DATABASE**

**Discussion:** Members of the Commission decided to revise the database limited to El Cerrito based art organizations. A revision to be presented at the next meeting.

**9. ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

Hear updates, participate in discussion, and consider possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the ACC calendar of events, including:

- 4<sup>th</sup> of July - Members of the Commission to staff the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Festival booth to promote public art programs and recruit new members.
- October Arts Month – continue discussion at next meeting.
- Juneteenth Event – The Commission discussed attending the next HRC meeting in September to state the ACC's interest in coordinating a shared event.

**10. UPCOMING ITEMS**

- 2024 Utility Box Public Art Call for Artists (CFA) Award (July)
- Poet Laureate Proposed Term Extension
- Pilot Pavement Art CFA (August)
- City Hall Gallery Space CFA
- Public Art on Private Project – 729 Kearney

**11. ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting adjourned at 6:42 p.m.

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Audrey Faine, Chair

This is to certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of the minutes of the Arts and Culture Commission meeting of June 24, 2024, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

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Will Provost, Staff Liaison