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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, June 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

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

(6:00 p.m.) CONVENE REGULAR MEETING

- 1. ROLL CALL** – Chair Renée LeVesque; Vice Chair: Courtney Helion; Members: Ruth Cazden, Jenny Hammer, Kim Settles and Juno Rabinovici (Youth Member)
- 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. MINI GRANT APPLICATION FOR SUNJAMS FOUNDATION**
For discussion and possible action, consider request for support from SunJams Foundation, totaling \$2,000, in support of the "Annex Sessions". (Attachment)
- 5. ACC/PUBLIC ART FUND BUDGET UPDATE**
Hear a presentation from City Staff, providing an update on the Public Art Fund and the ACC's expenses in Fiscal Year 2025-2026. (Attachment)
- 6. ACC WORKPLAN**
Review the Arts & Culture Commission Draft Work Plan and accomplishments. Consider next steps, revisions needed, and adoption of the updated Workplan. (Attachment)

7. 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:

- United Against Hate Week – Consider action to contribute art supplies (e.g. Chalk) and/or financial support to the event planned for October 2026
- October Arts Month
- 4th of July

8. COMMUNITY CENTER MURAL PROJECT EXPLORATION

Hear a report from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee conducting research on mural projects and working toward making recommendations to the full commission on the specifications for artwork that should be pursued in a future call for artists to paint a mural at the El Cerrito Community Center. (Attachment)

9. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the May 18, 2026 meeting. (Attachment)

10. UPCOMING ACC-AFFILIATED EVENTS

Review and discuss upcoming events and programs supported by the Arts & Culture Commission, including:

- El Cerrito Farmers Market Music, Tuesdays and Saturdays in 2026
- El Cerrito/worldOne 4th of July Festival Performances, July 3-4, 2026
- El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, October 10, 2026
- United Against Hate Week Chalk Art Event, October 17, 2026
- City Hall Gallery Shows
 - El Cerrito Historical Society Photo Contest – October TBD

11. UPCOMING ITEMS

- El Cerrito Poet Laureate Call for Poets
- ECCRU Partnership with Richmond Art Center
- City Hall Gallery Exhibition Call for Artists (August)
- Venue Database
- Mini-Grant Guidelines and Grantee Requirements

12. ADJOURNMENT

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
To: [Will H. Provost](#); [Lina Huang](#)
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Arts & Culture Commission Support Application Form
Date: Thursday, May 14, 2026 7:50:42 AM

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Arts & Culture Commission Support Application Form

Contact/Applicant Name:	Joyce Brenner
Organization Name (if applicable):	SunJams Foundation
Contact Phone:	[REDACTED]
Contact Email:	[REDACTED]@yahoo.com
Contact Address:	[REDACTED]
City/Zip	Richmond/94804
Location of proposed event/project:	The Annex 10387 San Pablo Avenue El Cerrito 94530
Anticipated number of attendees?	80
Date(s) & Time(s) of the event:	Third Wednesday of the month, 6-8:30pm

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Include project description here:	<p>This series of live music events at the El Cerrito Natural Grocery Company's Food Annex (The Annex Sessions) launched in April 2022 as a way to bring live music to the community, and an ongoing fundraising program in support of music education in underserved schools. The producers of this series are SunJams productions (Amer Budayr), Javier Navarrette Music Productions (Javier Navarrette), and the Annex (Jose Ruiz). This series brings some of the best musicians from all around the Bay Area to our community here in El Cerrito. The events are free to the public, with funding relying on a small seeding fund from the business hosting the series, the bulk of the budget that allows us to pay the musicians and deliver on our pledge of donation to music education depends on donations from the audience. The production team includes one professional musician (JN) who is partially compensated for programming, marketing, and hosting</p>
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and coordinating the series. The other members of the team (AB and JR) are both unpaid volunteers. The casual setting and early evening hours of this event have helped attract a diverse audience that ranges from families with small children to senior citizens.

A feature of the weekly series is the monthly "Modupue Wednesday" (Modupue means "I am thankful/grateful" in the Yoruba language) show which happens on the 3d Wednesday of the month. The Modupue events are specifically curated by Javier Navarrette to bring together musicians from diverse backgrounds to perform together. The events typically include a blessing ceremony that begins outside the store, on the sidewalk, with elements of native ceremonies including sage burning and a call to recognize the ancestors and give blessings to the musicians and the audience. The band sets up outside with a group of drummers and percussionists, the procession then moves into the Annex space, reaching the stage area where the event continues with a musical performance.

These monthly events feature AfroCaribbean music, with many different cultures represented. Cuban, Puerto Riqueno, Brazilian, Peruvian, Mexican, Chilean, Colombian, African, and more. Periodically dance is included in the performances. Events typically encourage singing, dancing, or even joining the band in percussion performance. Local music legends stop by and join in, from Marina LaValle to John Santos to Edgardo Cambon. These Modupue Wednesdays are larger in scope than most Annex Session performances, and require more coordination, therefore cost more to produce. Capturing the events with a videographer will allow sessions to be archived and preserved on line.

Have you done a similar event or project before?

Yes

The Arts & Culture Commission cares about diverse audiences and environmental sustainability. Can you tell us how you will address those concerns?

The Annex is part of the Natural Grocer Company <https://naturalgrocery.com/who-we-are>

Our storied history (dating back to the early 1970's) is grounded in a desire to nourish our community through quality, organic, and wholesome foods. We do the research, select the very best organic, local, Non-GMO products we can find and make them available for you to shop with ease and trust.

In addition to sourcing top quality foods, we are committed to minimizing our impact on the environment through operational systems such as composting, recycling, and using 100% green power.

Since 2002 our company has been employee owned.

The Annex is located in a busy area which is served by multiple bus lines as well as easy and safe walking. The Modopue sessions typically begin with a call to the ancestors and the people that came before us, with patrons becoming participants in the call and response. Many different cultures have been featured in the Annex Sessions, sharing the wealth of artistic opportunities provided by the multicultural bay area. Many performers also work as teachers, and periodically students join in the performance. Advertising is through both the Natural Grocery mailing list and the SunJams mailing list, as well as the producers social media accounts.

REQUEST

Type of Support Requested:	Financial Support
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Enter \$ Amount	2000
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If discounted venue/space, have you already contacted the Recreation Department at recreation@ci.el-cerrito.ca.us to inquire about availability and discounted cost? If not, please do so before submitting this application. Review [application guidelines here](#).

What is your basic budget, and how will it be spent?	The budget is shown in the attached spreadsheet. No funds requested will go to fundraising for local music in schools, this will come out of Sunjams budget. Please contact us with any questions.
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Please upload your line-item budget (if requesting financial support)	el_cerrito_budget.xlsx
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Have you received funding from the ACC in the past?	No
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If yes, provide the history of the past project/event, and how much you were awarded. If you are requesting more than what you were awarded in the past for	<i>Field not completed.</i>
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the same project/event,
please provide
justification for the
increase.

Upon implementation of project/event, you will be required to return to the ACC in person to provide a short verbal presentation on how the proposal was implemented. Please confirm that you agree to complete this requirement.	Yes
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STAFF/PERSONNEL

# paid staff	8
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# volunteers	2
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If applicable, load additional documents here:	IMG_7300.MOV
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Modopue Wednesdays
El Cerrito Grant Proposal

	<u>Current Expenses</u>	<u>Current Support</u>	<u>Grant Request</u>	<u>Total Proposed Funding</u>
Artists	500			500
Production	250		1000	1250
Videography	0		1000	1000
SunJams Music Ed	200		0	200
EC Natural Foods		250		
SunJams		750		
EC Grant			2000	2950

ACC Budget Update

June 22, 2026

Starting Balance 6/30/25

- **Public Art Fund (213) - \$175,248**
 - Includes \$62,670 revenue correction

Anticipated Revenue in FY26 - \$10,000

- Interest Income - \$6,500
- Developer Contributions - \$3,500 (Taco Bell)

Current Annual Planned/Budgeted Expenses - \$22,150

- ECCRU - \$2,000
- Mini-Grants - \$6,450
- Pavement Art - \$500
- 4th of July Support - \$12,000
- October Arts Month - \$200
- Gallery Space - \$1,000

Estimated Ending Fund Balance 6/30/26: \$163,098



Public Art Fund

The Art in Public Places ordinance established the Art in Public Places Program. (ECMC Section 13.50)

Known as “1% for Public Art”

- private and municipal developments with development costs of two hundred fifty thousand dollars or more shall devote an amount not less than one percent of such costs for acquisition and installation of public art on the development site, up to one hundred fifty thousand dollars. In lieu of acquisition and installation of public art on the development site, an owner or developer, at its discretion, may make an equal in-lieu contribution to the City’s Public Art Fund.

The program applies to:

- commercial, industrial and municipal projects, and residential projects that create five or more residential units
- An existing building that is remodeled with a construction value equal to or more than fifty percent of the replacement cost of the building





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**DRAFT BIENNIAL WORK PLAN
FISCAL YEAR 2026/2027 – 2027/2028**

ARTS & CULTURE COMMISSION

Chair Renée LeVesque;
Vice-Chair Courtney Helion;
Members Ruth Cazden, Jenny Hammer,
Kim Settles, and Juno Rabinovici (Youth Member)

MISSION STATEMENT: It is the mission of the Arts & Culture Commission to advise the City Council of the needs of the artistic and cultural community; encourage and promote arts programs and events that engage community members and local businesses to build a flourishing and vibrant arts and cultural environment; provide advice to artists and arts/cultural organizations by sponsoring forums, programs, and events; carry out the Arts in Public Places program, and upon request, advise the City with respect to possible sources of funding.

HISTORICAL BACKGROUND: The Arts and Culture Commission (ACC) consists of up to seven members who demonstrate a commitment to various arts disciplines, including but not limited to fine arts, visual arts, performing arts, literary arts, art history, and arts education. The ACC is charged with oversight of the Arts in Public Places Program, which requires certain development projects to contribute 1% of construction costs to public art, and is responsible for acquisition, funding, and placement of public art in the City on public property. The ACC also juries the City Hall Gallery Space, located on the second floor of City Hall at 10890 San Pablo Avenue.

History as described in 2017/18 Workplan: In 2002, a group of citizens petitioned the El Cerrito City Council to establish an arts and culture commission. Their proposal included the idea of advising the Council on arts and culture within the City and collaboration with existing organizations within the community: "By establishing an art and culture commission the City of El Cerrito would be providing support and encouragement for the growth of all arts. We would be joining the greater Bay Area in dedicating our time and involvement to the promotion of arts, artists and varied arts programs that would enrich our community and enhance our city." In 2003, the City Council created the Arts and Culture Commission. In 2013, the Commission adopted an Arts and Culture Master Plan to shape a vision for arts and culture in the City of El Cerrito.

FISCAL YEAR (2026/2027)

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion
No additional projects identified for Fiscal Year 2026/2027. Please see table for Ongoing Projects listed below.				

FISCAL YEAR (2027/2028)

Goal or Objective	Proposed Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed	Timeline For Completion
No additional projects identified for Fiscal Year 2027/2028. Please see table for Ongoing Projects listed below.				

ONGOING PROJECTS

Project	Activities	Funding and other Resources requested	Estimated Staff time needed
Maintain Arts & Culture Signature Programs	Poet Laureate, ECCRU Artist in Residency, 4 th of July/worldOne Festival, Utility Box Public Art Program	Funding, excluding Staff time, provided by the Arts in Public Places Program, Public Art Fund (213)	40 hours
Increase Access/Inclusivity to Public Art in the Community	City Hall Gallery Space Call for Artists/Program. El Cerrito Art Organizations and Venues Database. Focus on promoting Mini-Grant Program. Maintain Public Art Fund Database for Increased Transparency.	Funding, excluding Staff time, provided by the Arts in Public Places Program, Public Art Fund (213)	35 hours
Leverage Partnerships with Other Organizations	Partnering with schools, library, community organizations and non-profits on community events/projects such as Messy Art Day, Free Folk Festival, EC Art Association Art Show, etc. Co-coordinate United Against Hate Week Event.	Funding, excluding Staff time, provided by the Arts in Public Places Program, Public Art Fund (213)	8 hours
Supporting the Local Artistic and Cultural Community	Events (Art/Music/Food/Culture), Gallery Space, Database, Sponsorship of 4 th of July Festival, October Arts Month, etc.	Funding, excluding Staff time, provided by the Arts in Public Places Program, Public Art Fund (213)	10 hours
Beautify El Cerrito	Utility Box Public Art Program, Pavement Art Program, Community Center Mural Project	Funding, excluding Staff time, provided by the Arts in Public Places Program, Public Art Fund (213)	25 hours

PRIOR FISCAL YEAR ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Goal/Objective	Activities Supporting Goal	Status
Maintain Arts & Culture Signature Programs	Poet Laureate, ECCRU Artist in Residency, 4 th of July/worldOne Festival	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supported Tess Taylor as 2025-2026 Poet Laureate • Supported Zona Sage and Lisa Zimmer-Chu as 2025-2026 ECCRU Artists in Residence • Released CFA and Selected new ECCRU Artist, Susan Kuchinskas, who began her term January 1, 2026 • Released Call for Poets for 2026 Poet Laureate • Provided financial support for the City of El Cerrito/worldOne 4th of July Festival, worldOne Stage Performances
Increase Access/Inclusivity to Public Art in the Community	City Hall Gallery Space Call for Artists/Program. El Cerrito Art Organizations and Venues Database. Focus on promoting Mini-Grant Program.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Scheduled and Supported 6 Shows in the City Hall Gallery Space • Promoted and utilized mini-grant program to leverage efforts already underway in the community • Developed Public Art Fund Database for Increased Transparency
Leverage Partnerships with Other Organizations	Partnering with schools, library, community organizations and non-profits on community events/projects such as Messy Art Day, Free Folk Festival, EC Art Association Art Show, Makers Faires, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Mini Grant applications approved for Messy Art Day, the EC Art Association Annual Art Show, the El Cerrito Free Folk Festival, and Music at the El Cerrito Farmers' Market
Supporting the Local Artistic and Cultural Community	Events (Art/Music/Food/Culture), Gallery Space, Database, Sponsorship of 4 th of July/worldOne Festival, October Arts Month, etc.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Developed and Promoted October Arts Month highlighting local arts events • Hosted interactive booth at 4th of July/worldOne Festival
Beautify El Cerrito	Utility Box Public Art Program, Pilot Pavement Art Program	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Completed City's first Pavement Art project on San Pablo Ave. at Wall Ave.

Workplan adopted on _____, 2026 by the following vote:

Moved/Second: []

Ayes: []

Noes: []

Absent: []

Youth Member: []

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EL CERRITO

Jenny Hammer

June, 2026

Arts and Culture Commission

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Community
Center**



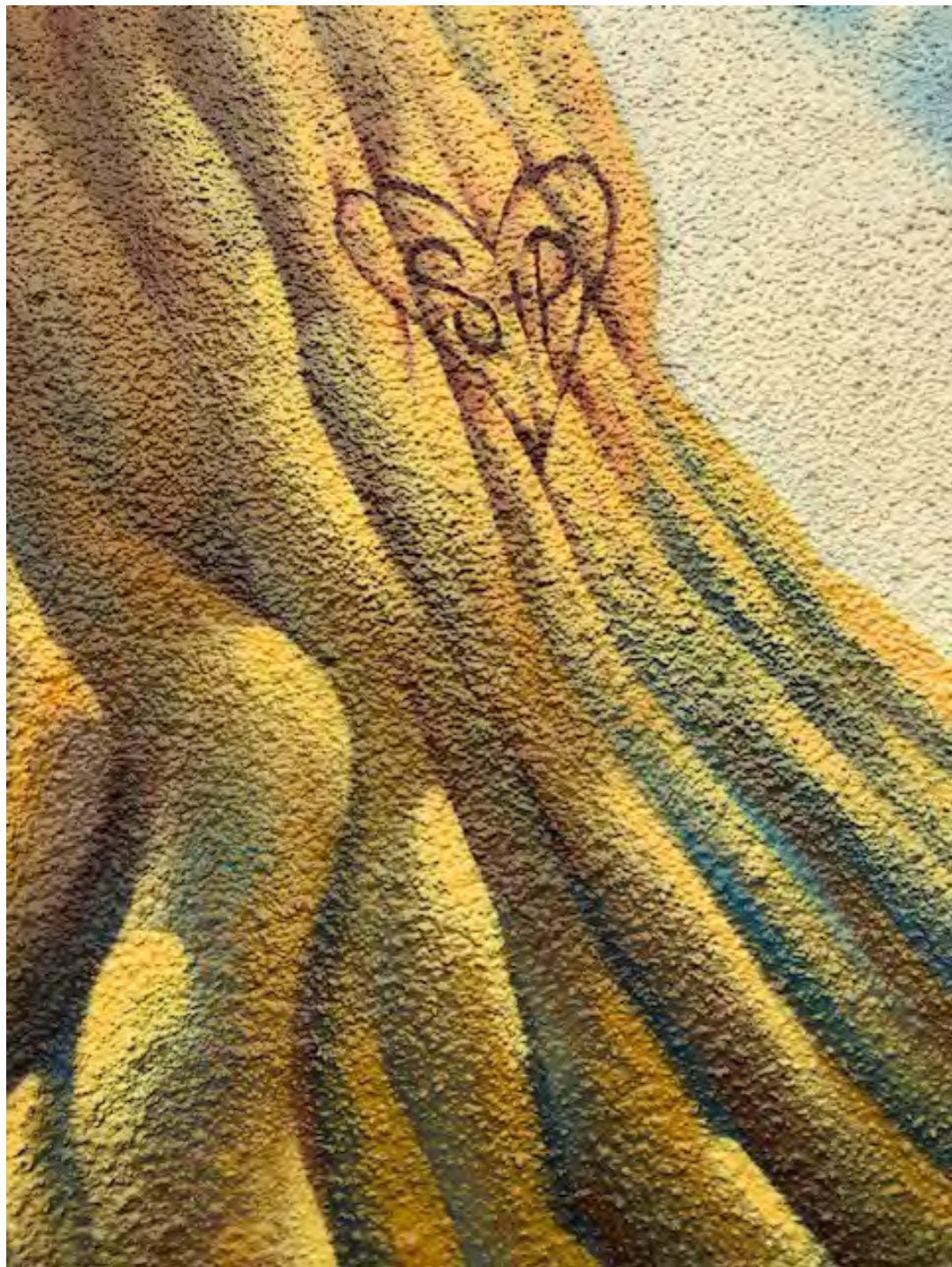




Fatapple's

**Artist: Hyde (David Hyde Cho),
333 Arts
Type: Commercial
Date: 2024
Location: 7525 Fairmount
Avenue**





Cement Wall

**Artist: Hyde (David Hyde Cho),
333Arts
Type: ?
Date:
Location: Navellier, north of
Potrero**







Colusa Office Building

Artist: LynxPrints

Type: Commercial

Date: 2024

Location: 402 Colusa Avenue



El Cerrito Plaza

**Artist: Mike Tau, Gavin Z,
8hena?**
Type: Commercial
Date: 2020
**Location: San Pablo Avenue, El
Cerrito Plaza Entrance**







Sunshine Gutters

Artist: Stefen (StefenArt)
Type: Commercial
Date: 1994
**Location: 10305 San Pablo
Avenue at Columbia**









Soccer Post

Artist: Victor Sanchez, Auburn Art Studio

Type: Commercial

Date: 2026

Location: 10351 San Pablo Avenue at Sacramento





Sushi Matsu

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

Location: 10561 San Pablo Avenue



Well- Grounded Coffee Building

Artist: Ryan DuVal, Marina Bear

Type: Commercial

Date: 2008

Location: 6931 Stockton





Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Jose Francisco Zelada

Type: Commercial

Date: 2025

Location: 11252 San Pablo
Avenue





Lifelong Idaho Apartments

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: 10217 San Pablo
Avenue at Lincoln**





Moeser Square

Artist: Nigel Sussman

Type: Commercial

Date: 2021

**Location: 10544 San Pablo at
Moeser and Kearney**







Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center

Artist: ?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: ?

Location: 7007 Moeser Avenue



Main Hall, El Cerrito Community Center

Artist: ?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: ?

Location: 7007 Moeser Avenue



El Cerrito Plaza BART Station

Artist:

Type: Commercial/Municipal? (mosaic)

Date:

Location: 6699 Fairmount Avenue





El Cerrito Del Norte BART Station

Artist: Kyungmi Shin, Todd Gray

Type: Commercial/Municipal? (mosaic)

Date: 2021

Location: 6400 Cutting Boulevard





Contra Costa Theater

Artist: Wiggoner?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: 1990?

Location: 951 Pomona at Moeser

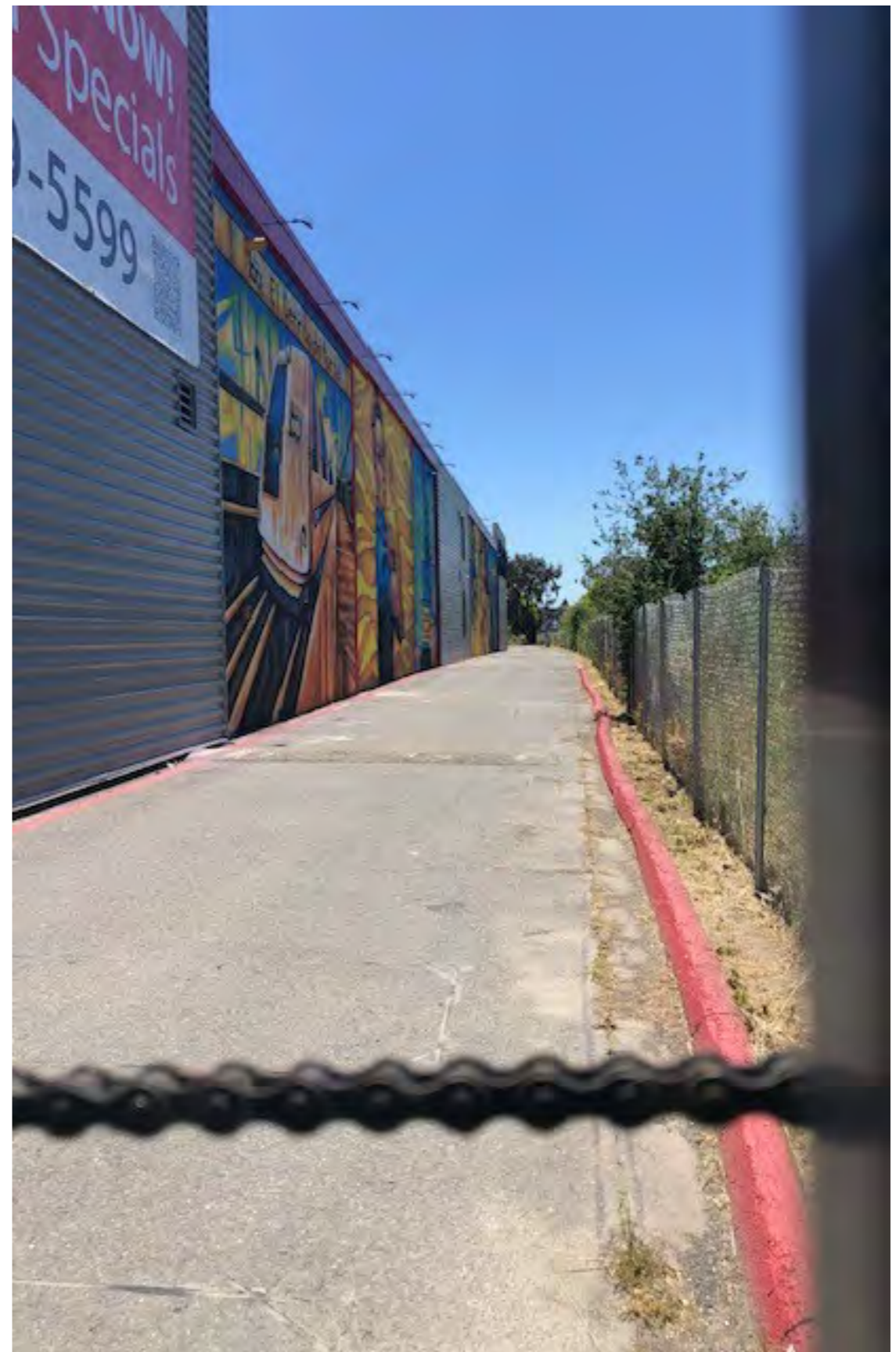
Security Public Storage

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial (in lieu deal)

Date: 2024? 2025?

Location: 1711 Eastshore Blvd.





Artist: Pete Frankel

Type: Municipal

Date: 2026

Location: San Pablo Avenue at Wall Street





Private Residence

Artist: Julio Kaplan

Type: Residential (stencil)

Date: 2016 (trees); 2024 (crows)

Location: 812 Pomona





Private Residence

Artist: Rich Fowler

Type: Residential

Date:?

Location: Ashbury, south of Waldo



Private Residence

Artist: Hector Covarrubias (COVA)

Type: Residential

Date: 2023

Location: 6630 Cutting Boulevard



Private Residence

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: Residential

Date: 2022

Location: 7505 Rockaway



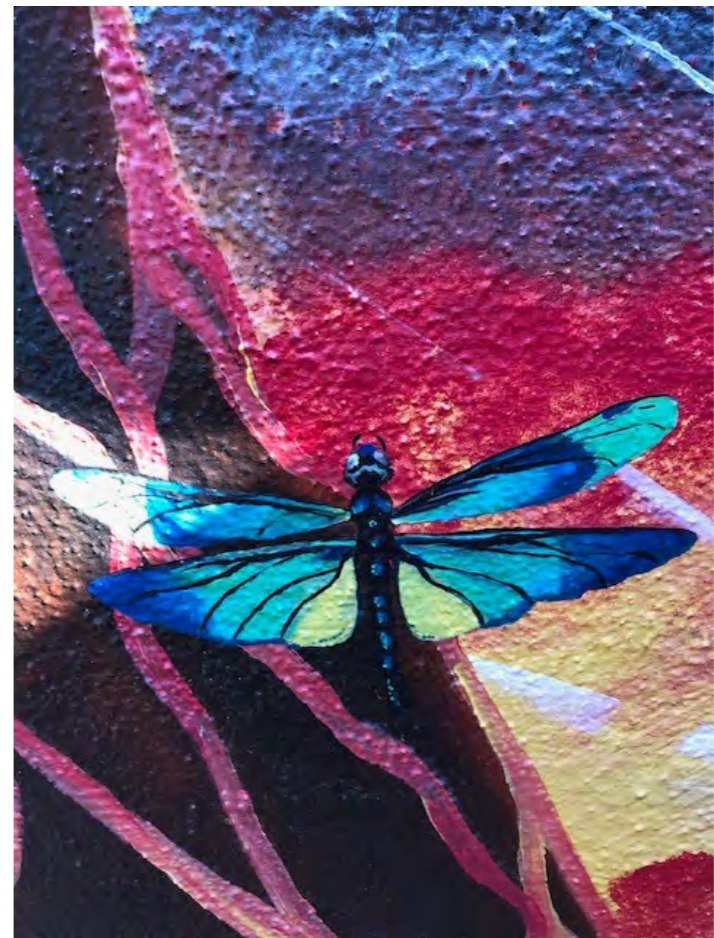
Private Residence

Artist: Christina Breuker

Type: Residential

Date: 2016, 2021

Location: 157 Colusa



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

Location: 1722 Lexington



Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Shaye Maxey, 333Arts
Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill
Realty)
Date: 2024
Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)







Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Elaina B. Mastrilli

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

Location: Ohlone Greenway, north of Manilla

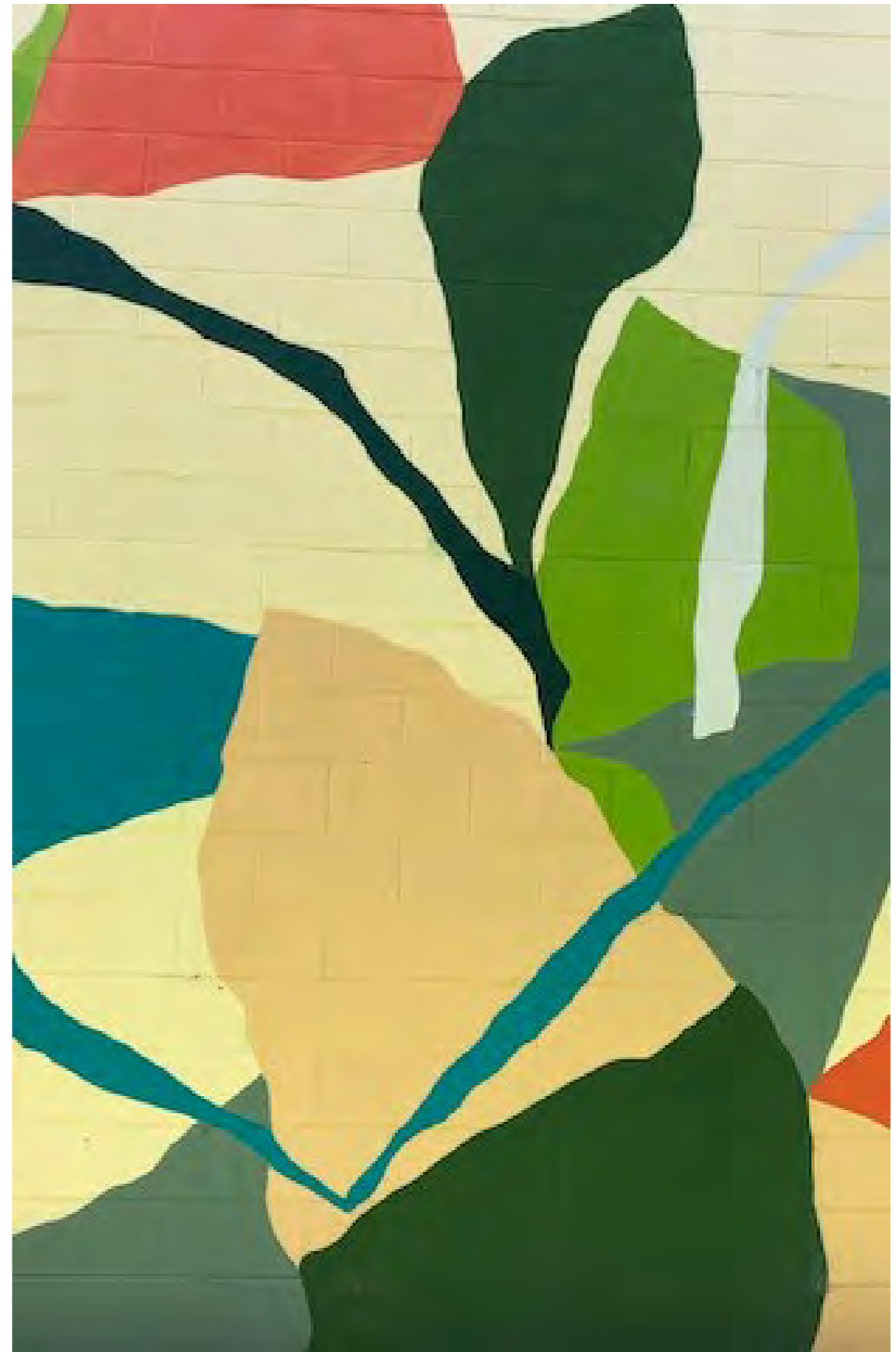
Ohlone Greenway

**Artist: Fernanda Martinez, Tinta
Art**

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill Realty)**

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)**





Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Alex Fatemi

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill
Realty)**

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)**



Ohlone Greenway

Artist: ?

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at Gladys
(alley connecting to San Pablo
Avenue)**





Ohlone Greenway

Artist: JQLN

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill
Realty)**

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)**









Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Double Features Co.

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

Location: Ohlone Greenway at Potrero (across from Bruce King Dog Park)

Ohlone Greenway

**Artist: Fernanda Martinez, Tinta
Art**

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Little Hill Realty)**

Date: 2025

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Potrero (across from Bruce King
Dog Park)**





Fairmont Elementary School

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: School

Date:?

Location: Stockton at Kearney Street



Fairmont Elementary School

Artist: ?

Type: School

Date: ?

Location: 724 Kearney



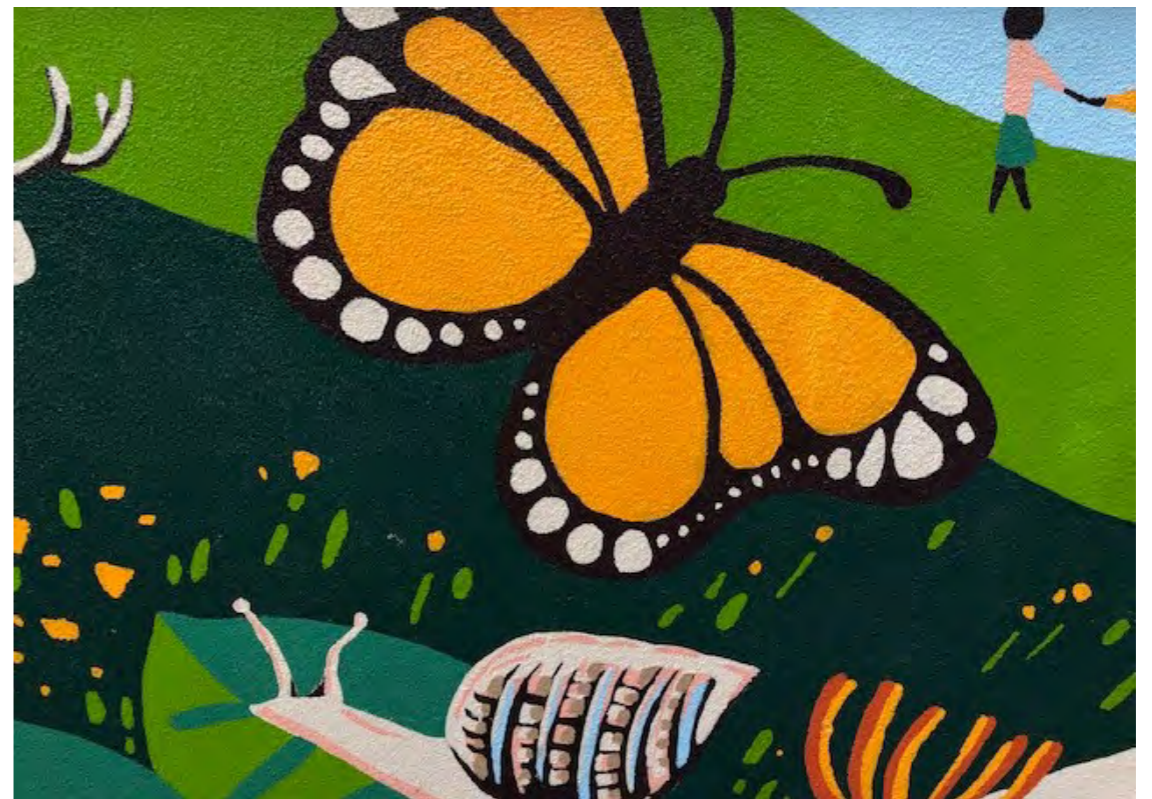
Harding Elementary School

Artist: Sandrine Demathieu, Grade 6 students

Type: School

Date: 2022

Location: Fairmount side at Ashbury Avenue





Harding Elementary School

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: School

Date: 2025

Location: Ashbury side at Fairmount Avenue



Murals in Surrounding Areas



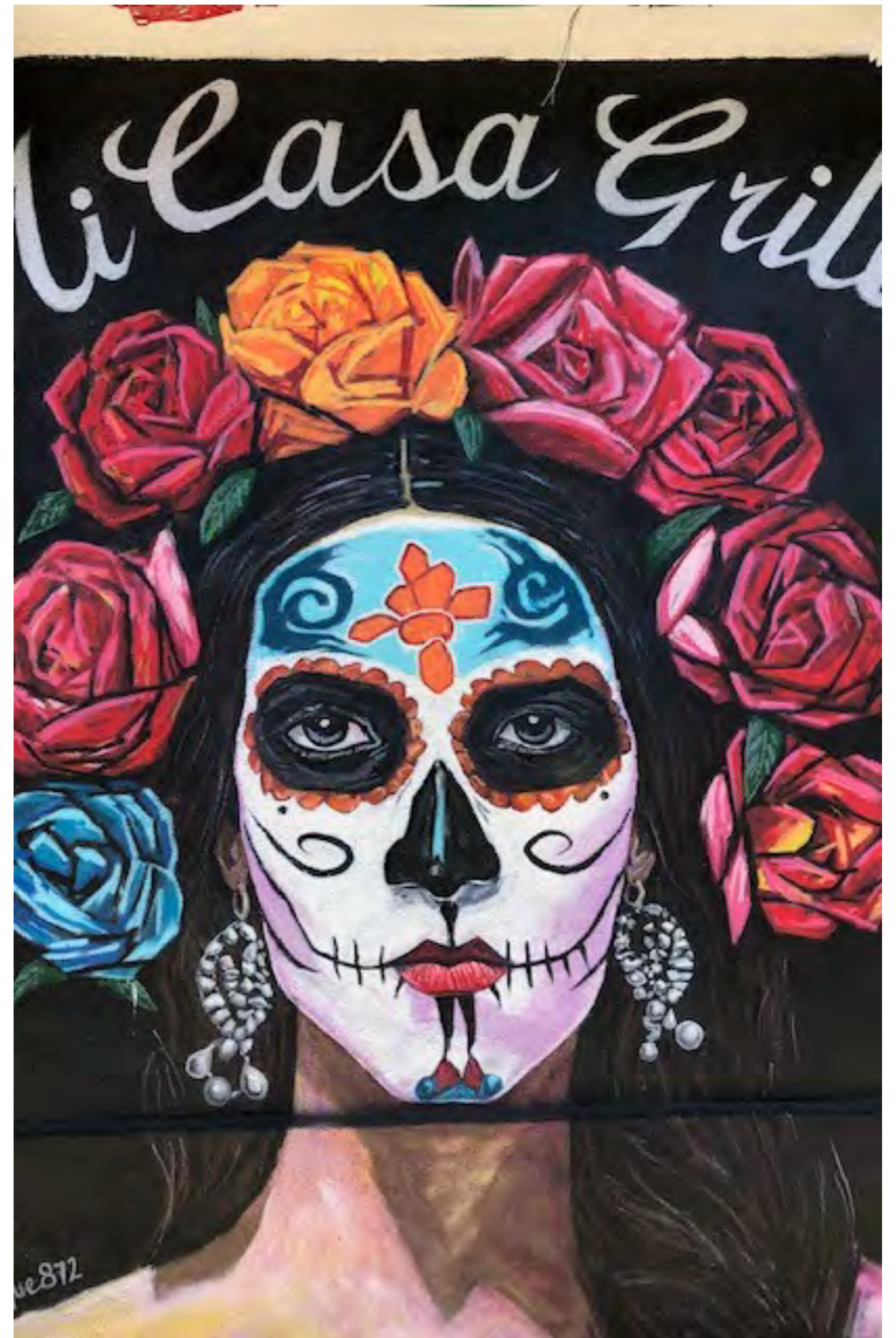
Richmond Library



Richmond Recreation Center

Mi Casa Grill

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique
Type: Commercial
Date: 2024
**Location: McDonald at San Pablo,
Richmond**



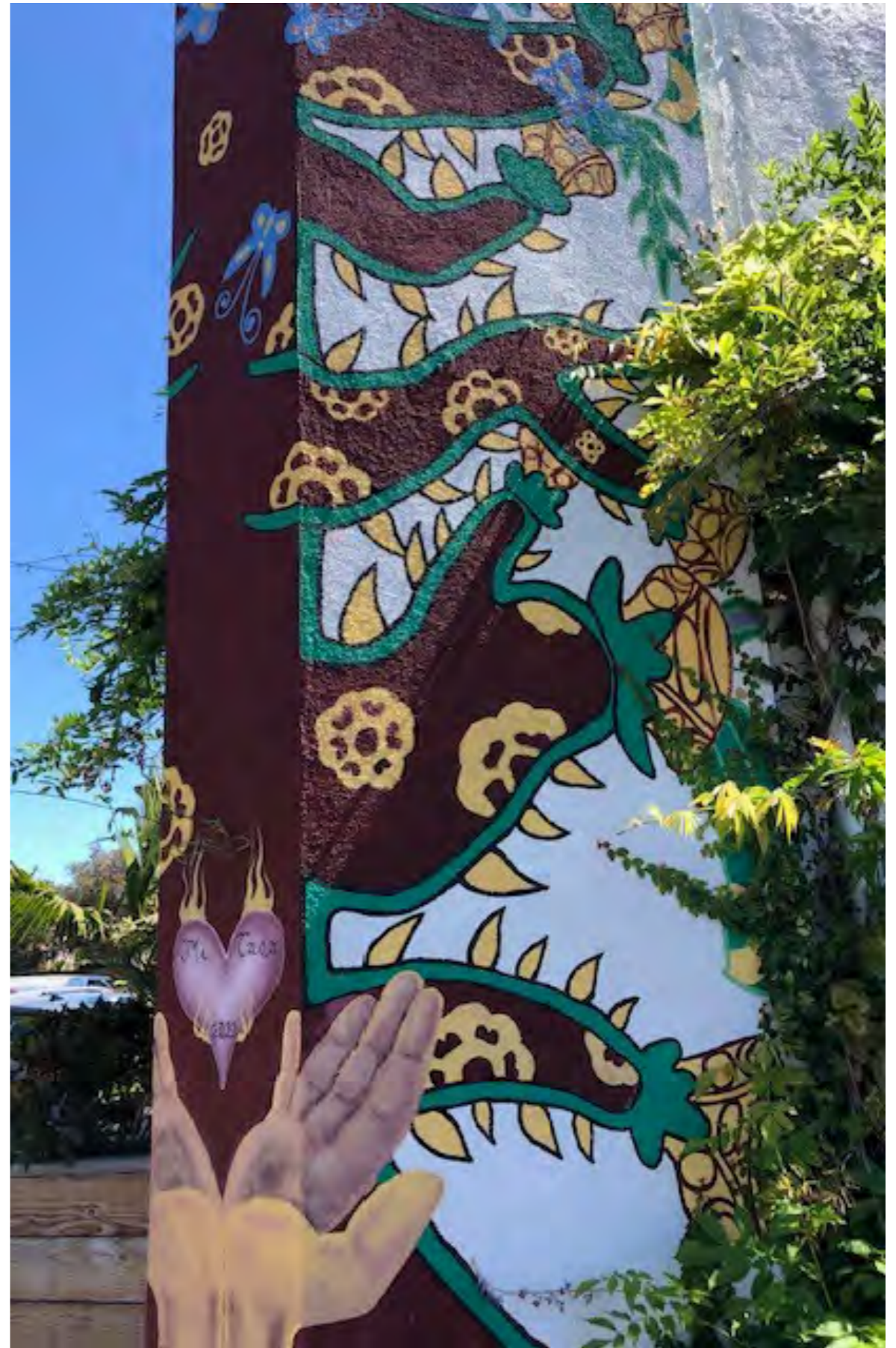
Mi Casa Grill

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: 2022

**Location: McDonald at San Pablo,
Richmond**



Across from Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Deonta Allen (Dallenart)

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

Location: San Pablo Avenue



Across from Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Doran Dada
Type: Commercial
Date: 2021
Location: San Pablo Avenue





Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

Location: 339 Colusa, Kensington



Private Residence

Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Residential

Date: 2021-2022

Location: 800 block, Cornell Street, Albany





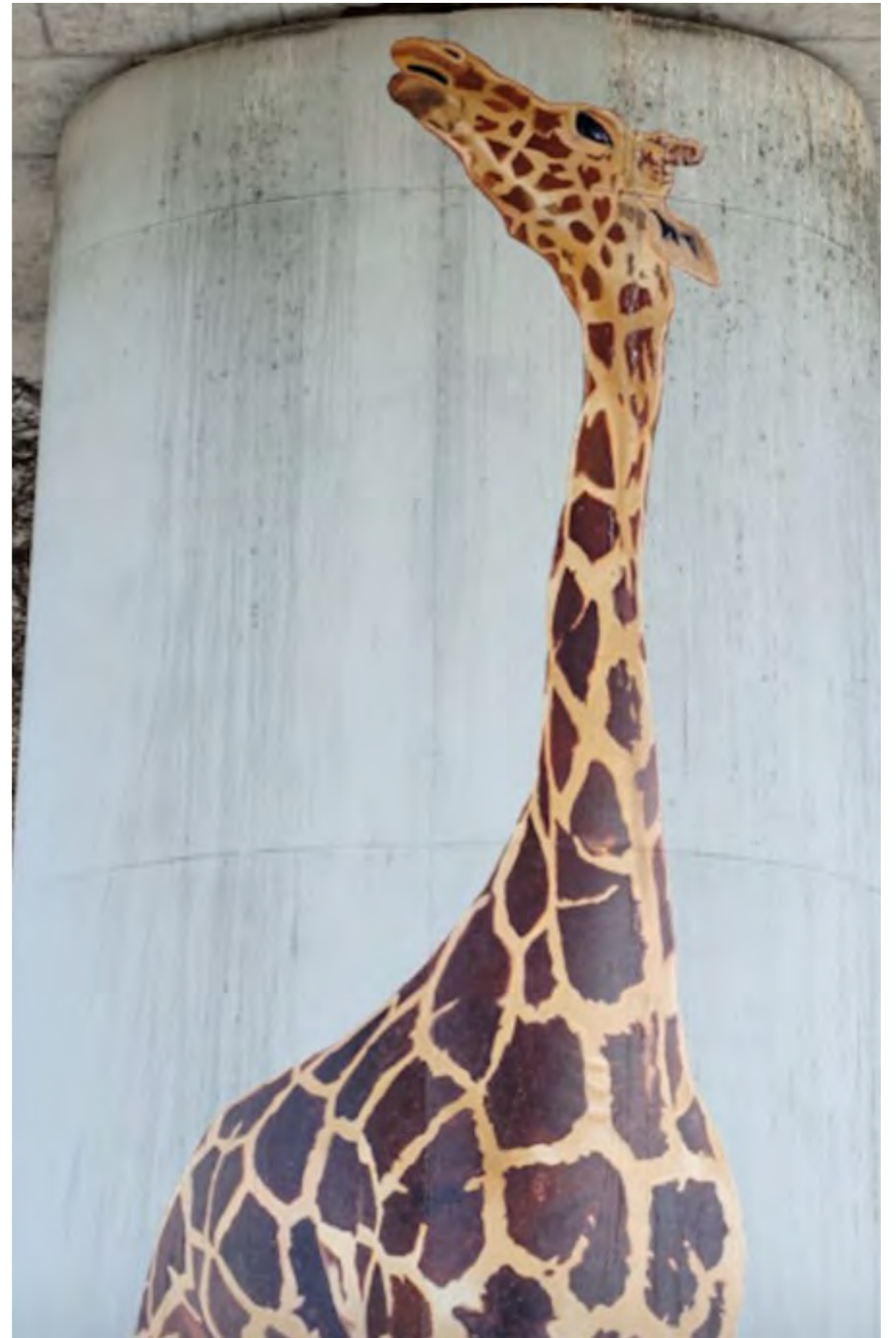
Oakland Underpass Giraffes

Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Municipal?

Date: 1983

Location: Oakland





Oakland Building

Artist: Dan Fontes

**Type: Commercial/Oakland Redevelopment Agency/Alameda County
Art Commission**

Date: 1987-88

Location: 27th and Broadway (since painted over)



Private Residence

Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Residential

Date:

**Location: 600 block, Cornell Street,
Albany**

Private Residence

Artist: Marguerite Buck-Bauer
Type: Residential (mosaic)
Date:
Location: 1083 Nielson Street, Albany



Private Residence

Artist: Art Thou (Peter Canty)
Type: Residential
Date: 2016
**Location: Santa Fe, northeast of
Washington,
Albany**





Abrams Claghorn Gallery

Artist: Anna Vaughan

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: Masonic, northwest of Solano,
Albany**



Abrams Claghorn Gallery

Artist: Natalie Mae Borges, Leah Yael Levy

Type: Commercial

Date: 2021

**Location: Solano, southwest of Masonic,
Albany**





Lizzy's Cajun Cafe

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: Masonic, southwest of Solano,
Albany**



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

**Location: Arch Street, northeast of Eunice,
Berkeley**



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

**Location: Glen Street, east of Spruce,
Berkeley**





Anahuac Mexican Cuisine

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: 2025

**Location: Curtis Street, north of
Solano, Berkeley**







Marin Elementary School

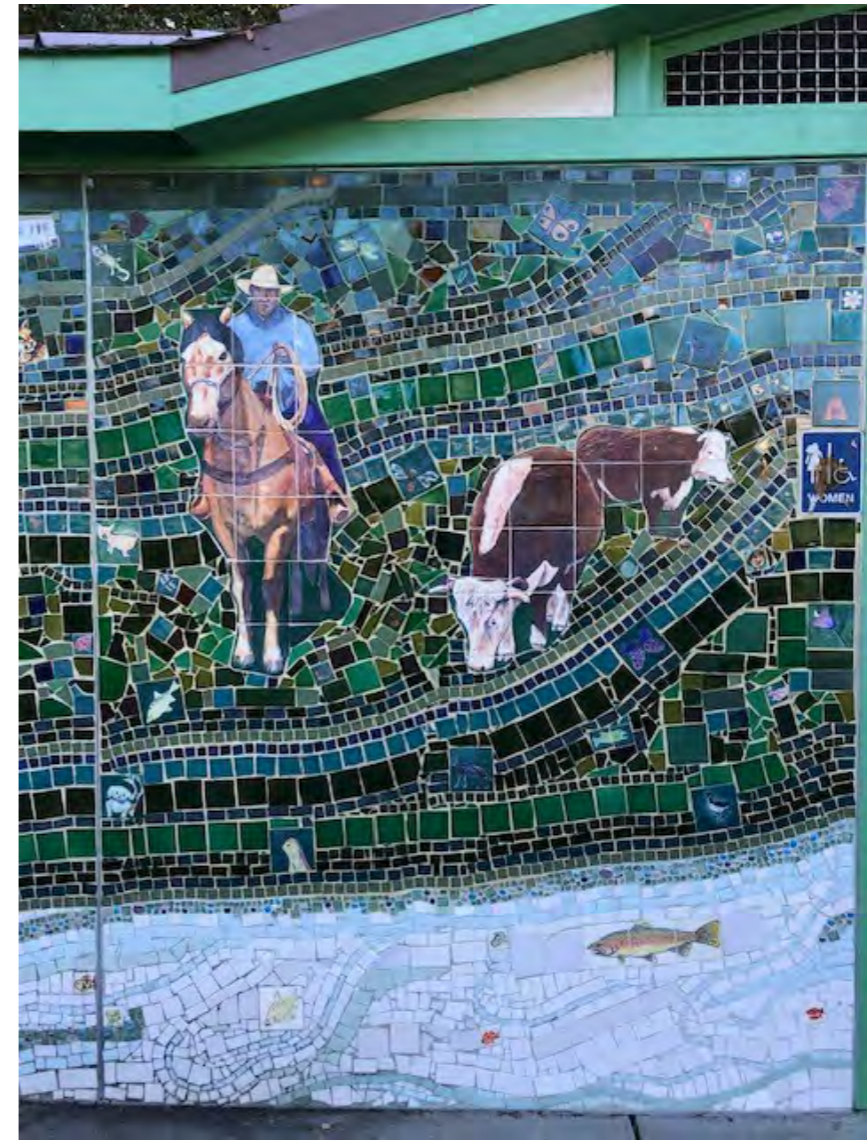
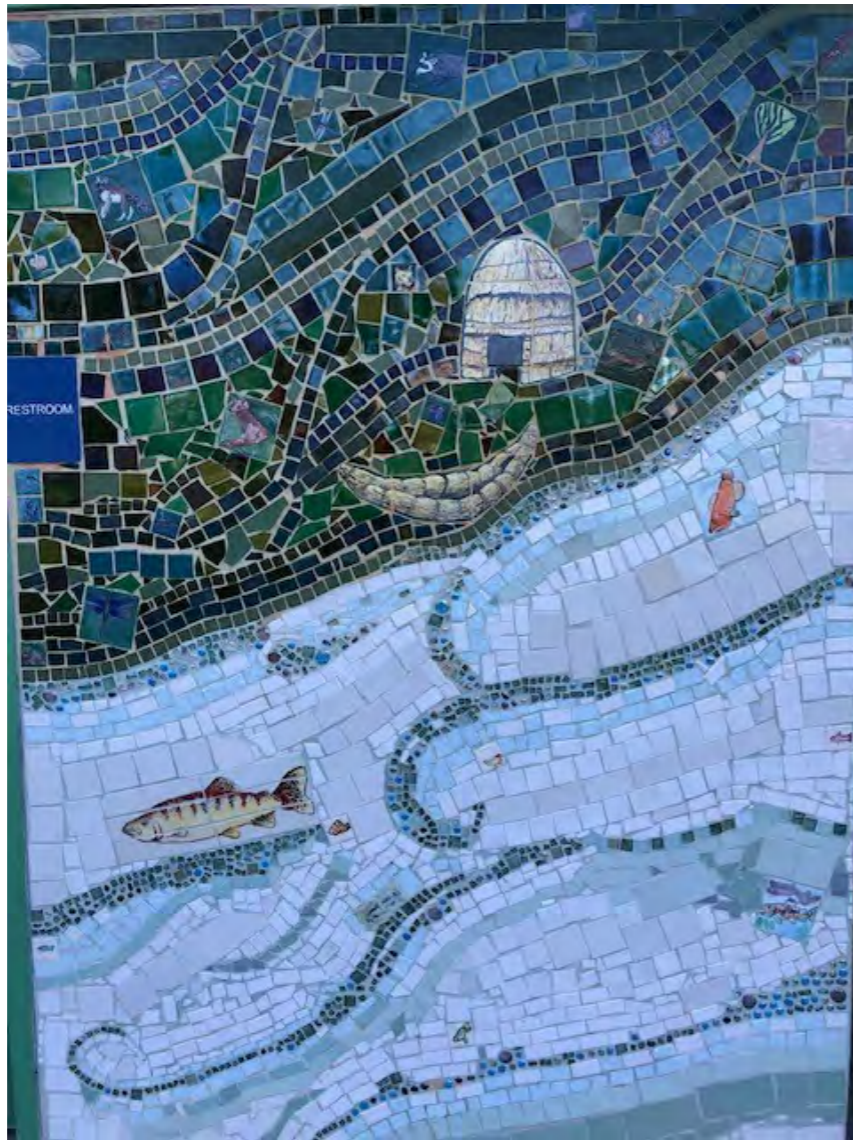
Artist: Various

Type: School (mosaic)

Date: Ongoing

Location: Marin Avenue at Curtis, Albany





Jewel's Terrace Park

Artist: Josef Norris

Type: Municipal (mosaic)

Date: 2007

Location: 1548 Terrace Avenue, Albany

Some Mural Artists and Their Styles

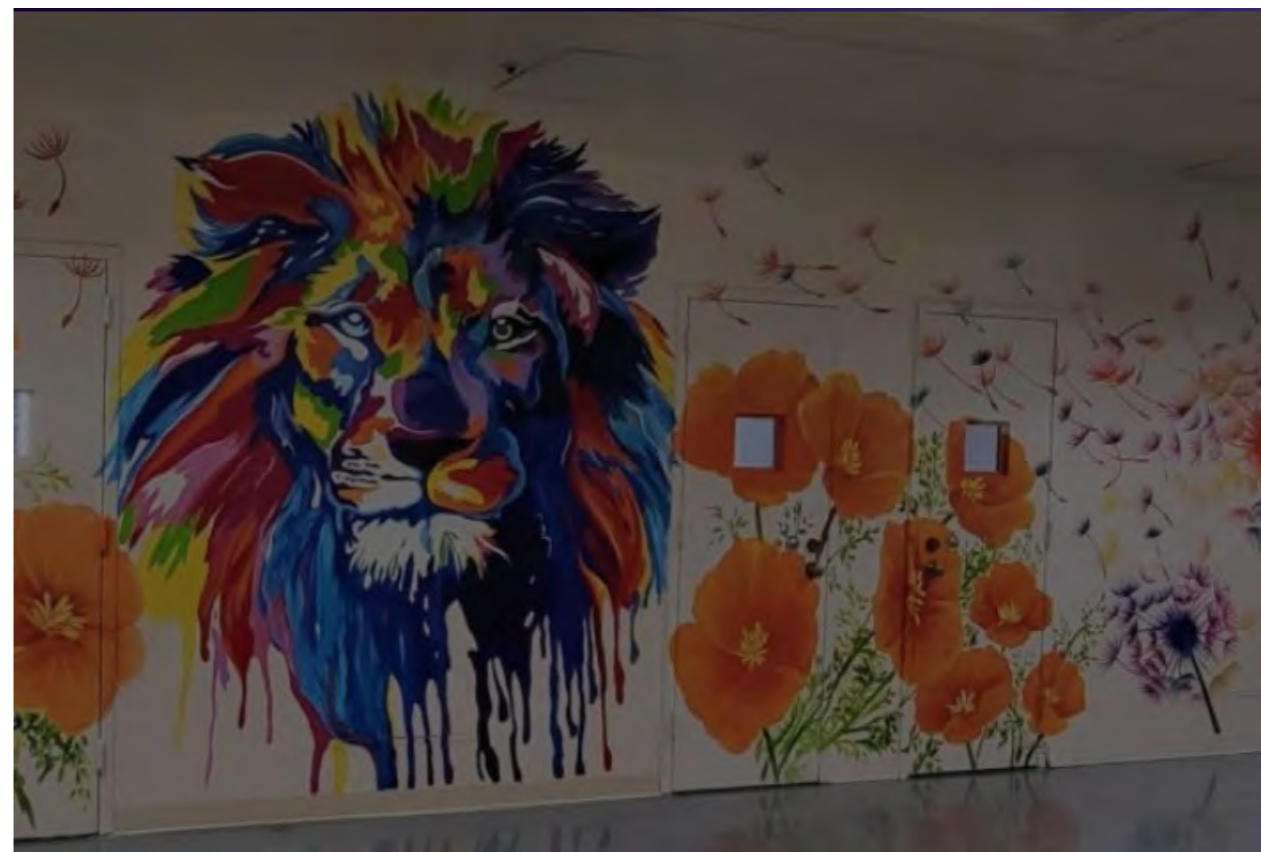
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DRAFT MINUTES

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, May 18, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Hana Gardens
10870 San Pablo Avenue
El Cerrito, CA 94530

(6:00 p.m.) CONVENE REGULAR MEETING Chair Renée LeVesque called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

1. ROLL CALL – Present: Chair Renée LeVesque; Vice Chair: Ruth Cazden; Members: Jenny Hammer, Courtney Helion, Kim Settles and Juno Rabinovici (Youth Member) **Absent:** None.

2. COMMISSIONERS' REPORTS, COUNCIL LIAISON AND STAFF LIAISON REPORTS

Staff Liaison Provost provided updates on the public process being undertaken to transition to district-based elections for City Councilmembers and the development of the City's two-year budget which will be considered for approval in June, while also highlighting two upcoming City events including a Pride Event on June 1 and a "Summer Kickoff" event on June 7.

Commissioner Helion shared that the El Cerrito Democratic Club is working to educate community members on the transition to district-based elections as well and will be distributing information in the coming weeks.

3. ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No Public Comment.

4. ACC CALENDAR OF EVENTS

The Arts & Culture Commission heard updates, participated in discussion, and considered possible action items regarding planning, logistics, and expenditures for the ACC calendar of events, including:

- United Against Hate Week – Representatives from the El Cerrito Human Relations Commission (HRC) presented a proposed event for United

Against Hate week to incorporate an interactive chalk art activity on the Ohlone Greenway. Commissioners discussed partnering with the HRC on the event by providing art supplies (e.g., chalk) and financial support.

- October Arts Month – The Commission discussed beginning to reach out to businesses and organizations to solidify a calendar of events for October Arts Month 2026.
- 4th of July – Commissioners discussed collaborating with the ECCRU artist in residence on a booth at the 4th of July Festival, with a plan to discuss further at the June meeting.

Moved/Seconded: Member Helion/Vice-Chair Cazden **Action:** Motion to partner with the Human Relations Commission on an event for United Against Hate Week 2026. **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

Moved/Seconded: Member Helion/Member Settles **Action:** Motion to form an Ad Hoc Subcommittee to work with representatives from the Human Relations Commission on an event for United Against Hate Week 2026. **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

Chair LeVesque and Member Helion to serve on Ad Hoc Subcommittee.

5. **FOURTH OF JULY/WORLD-ONE FESTIVAL REQUEST FOR SUPPORT**

The Arts and Culture Commission heard a presentation from Recreation Director Chris Jones and Corey Mason representing worldOne and considered a request for support for the City of El Cerrito/worldOne 4th of July Festival, worldOne Stage Performances, totaling \$12,000. Discussion and feedback for the worldOne team focused around securing more local musicians and doing a better job sharing with the community the vast array of performers that have participated in the event over past years.

Moved/Seconded: Member Hammer/Member Helion **Action:** Motion to approve \$12,000 in support for the City of El Cerrito/worldOne 4th of July Festival, worldOne Stage Performances **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

6. **ACC WORKPLAN**

Commissioners briefly reviewed the Arts & Culture Commission's Draft Work Plan and accomplishments and discussed bringing the item back at the June meeting for discussion and final consideration.

7. **EL CERRITO POET LAUREATE CALL FOR POETS**

Staff Liaison Provost provided an update on the Arts & Culture Commission's 2026 Call For Poets which was extended and closed on April 14, 2026, noting that only one application had been received. The Commission explored potential next steps including reopening the Call for Poets, expanding or altering it to focus on youth poets, and the idea of hosting a poetry event in El Cerrito to garner interest.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Moved/Seconded: Member Settles/Member Hammer **Action:** Motion to approve the minutes of the March 23, 2026 meeting **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

9. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

The ACC received nominations and considered approval of a one-year term for Chair and Vice Chair of the Arts and Culture Commission.

Moved/Seconded: Member Settles/Vice-Chair Cazden **Action:** Motion to appoint Renée LeVesque to the position of Chair for a one-year term **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

Moved/Seconded: Chair LeVesque/Member Hammer **Action:** Motion to appoint Courtney Helion to the position of Vice Chair for a one-year term **Ayes:** Chair LeVesque; Vice-Chair Cazden; Members: Hammer, Helion, Settles **Noes:** None. Youth Member Rabinovici expressed support for the motion. **Motion approved.**

10. UPCOMING ACC-AFFILIATED EVENTS

The Commission reviewed and discussed upcoming events and programs supported by the Arts & Culture Commission, including:

- El Cerrito Farmers Market Music, Tuesdays and Saturdays in 2026
- City Hall Gallery Shows
 - Gail Morrison – May 1 - June 18, 2026
 - Susan Harris – June – July, 2026
 - El Cerrito Historical Society Photo Contest – October TBD

11. UPCOMING ITEMS

- Annual ACC Budget Presentation (June)
- Community Center Mural Project Exploration Ad-Hoc Report (June)
- ECCRU Partnership With Richmond Art Center Ad-Hoc Report (June)
- City Hall Gallery Exhibition Call for Artists (Summer 2026)
- Venue Database
- Mini-Grant Guidelines and Grantee Requirements

12. ADJOURNMENT The meeting adjourned at 7:51 p.m.

Renée LeVesque, 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 May 18, 2026, as approved by the Arts and Culture Commission.

Will Provost, Staff Liaison

Supplemental Materials
Agenda Item No. 8
Revised Presentation

MURALS OF EL CERRITO

Jenny Hammer
June, 2026
Arts and Culture Commission

Blank wall, E.C. Community Center

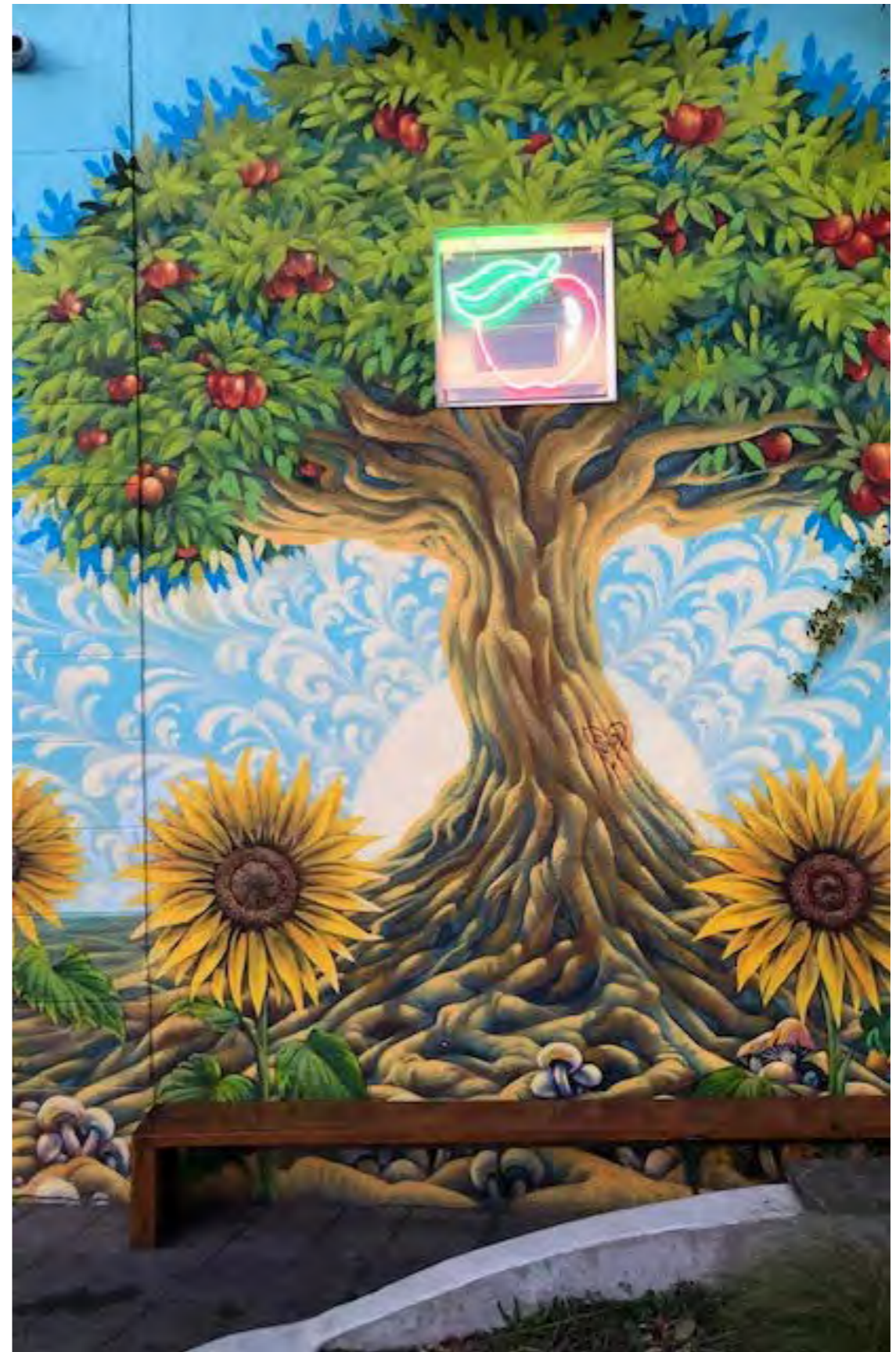


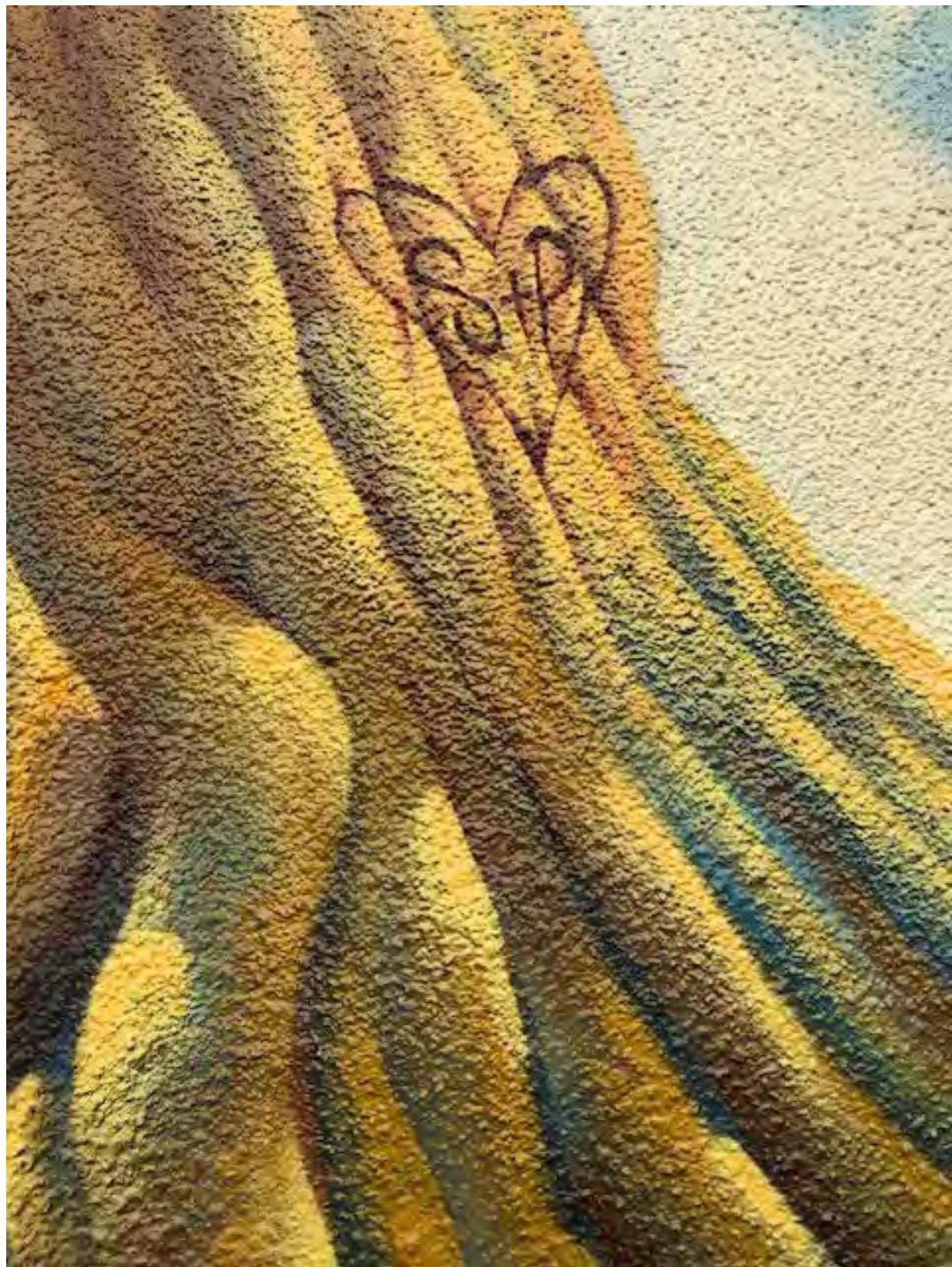




Fatapple's

**Artist: Hyde (David Hyde Cho),
333 Arts
Type: Commercial
Date: 2024
Location: 7525 Fairmount
Avenue**





Cement Wall

**Artist: Hyde (David Hyde Cho),
333Arts
Type: ?
Date:
Location: Navellier, north of
Potrero**







Colusa Office Building

Artist: LynxPrints

Type: Commercial

Date: 2024

Location: 402 Colusa Avenue

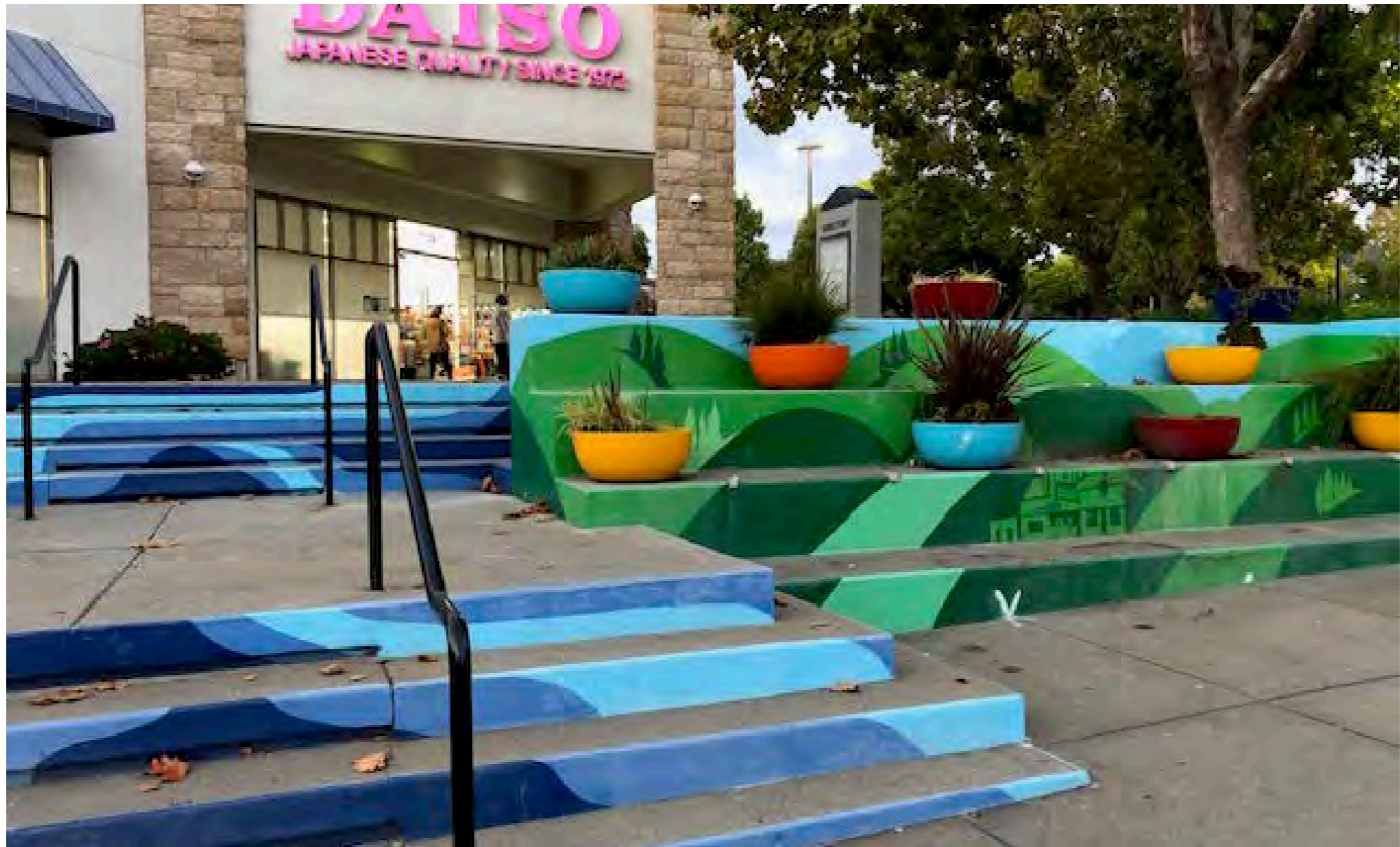


El Cerrito Plaza

**Artist: Mike Tau, Gavin Z,
8hena?**
Type: Commercial
Date: 2020
**Location: San Pablo Avenue, El
Cerrito Plaza Entrance**





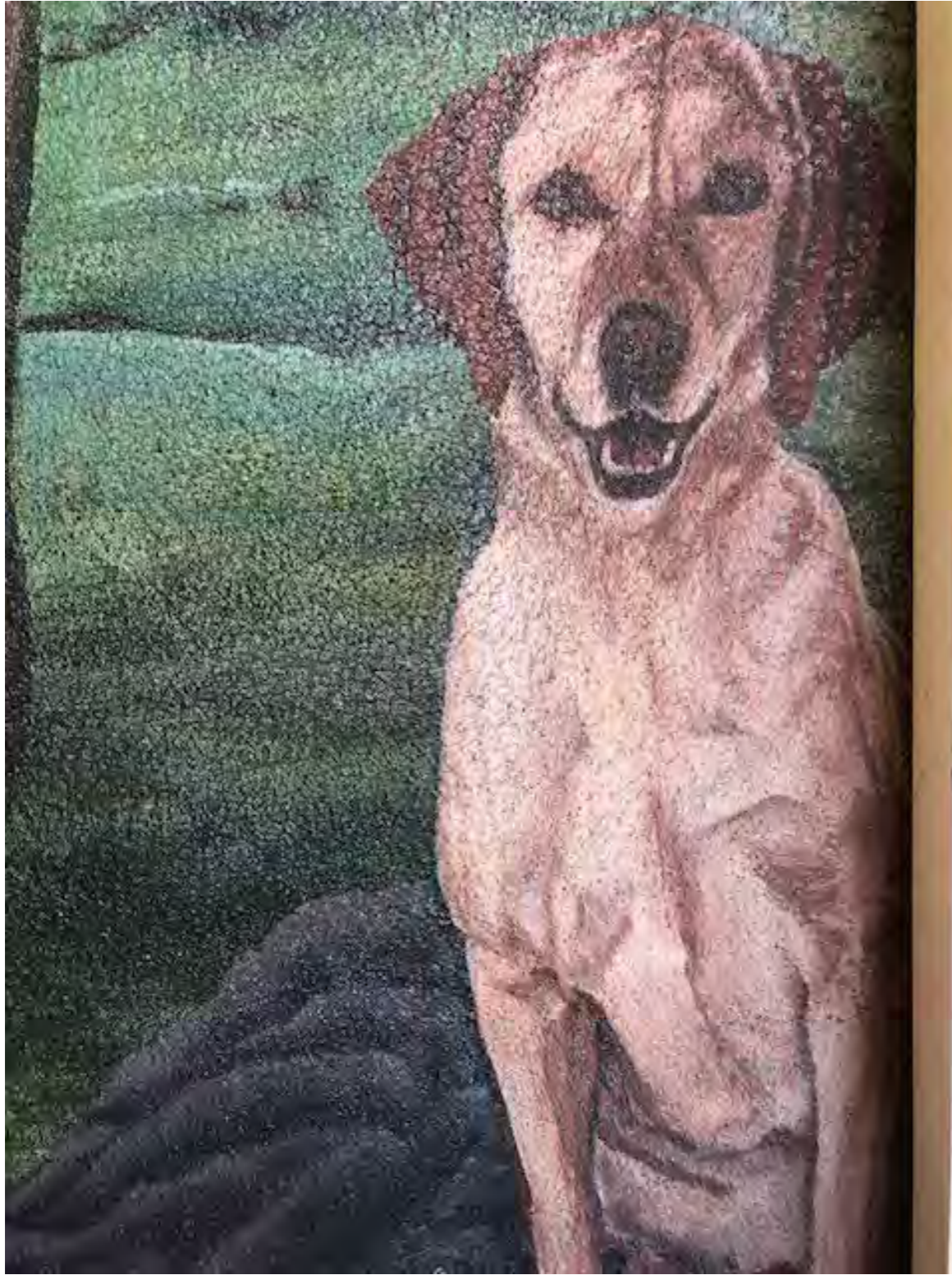


Sunshine Gutters

Artist: Stefen (StefenArt)
Type: Commercial
Date: 1994
**Location: 10305 San Pablo
Avenue at Columbia**









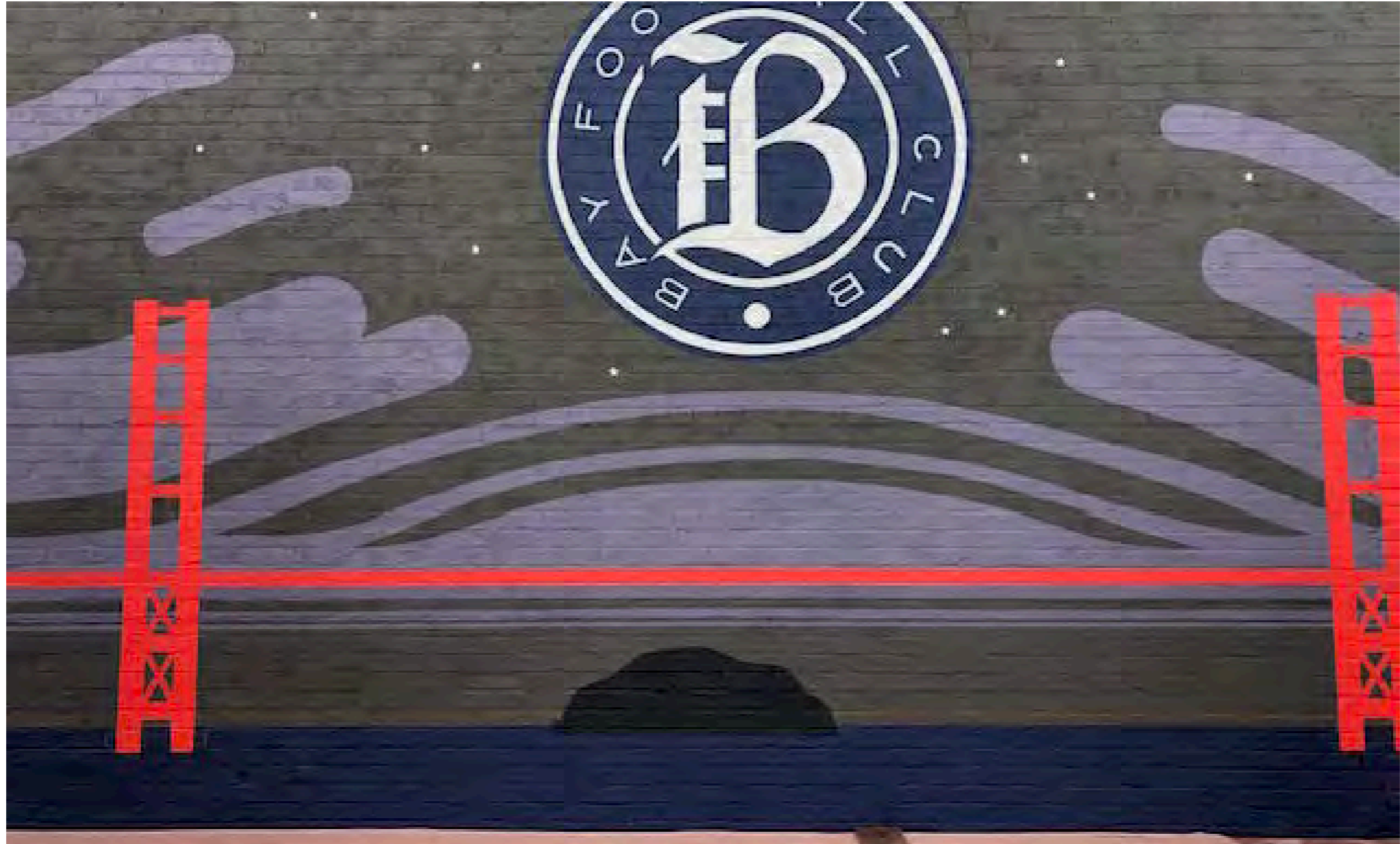
Soccer Post

Artist: Victor Sanchez, Auburn Art Studio

Type: Commercial

Date: 2026

Location: 10351 San Pablo Avenue at Sacramento





Sushi Matsu

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

Location: 10561 San Pablo Avenue



Well- Grounded Coffee Building

Artist: Ryan DuVal, Marina Bear

Type: Commercial

Date: 2008

Location: 6931 Stockton





Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Jose Francisco Zelada

Type: Commercial

Date: 2025

Location: 11252 San Pablo
Avenue





Lifelong Idaho Apartments

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: 10217 San Pablo
Avenue at Lincoln**





Moeser Square

Artist: Nigel Sussman

Type: Commercial

Date: 2021

**Location: 10544 San Pablo at
Moeser and Kearney**







Garden Room, El Cerrito Community Center

Artist: ?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: ?

Location: 7007 Moeser Avenue



Main Hall, El Cerrito Community Center

Artist: ?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: ?

Location: 7007 Moeser Avenue



El Cerrito Plaza BART Station

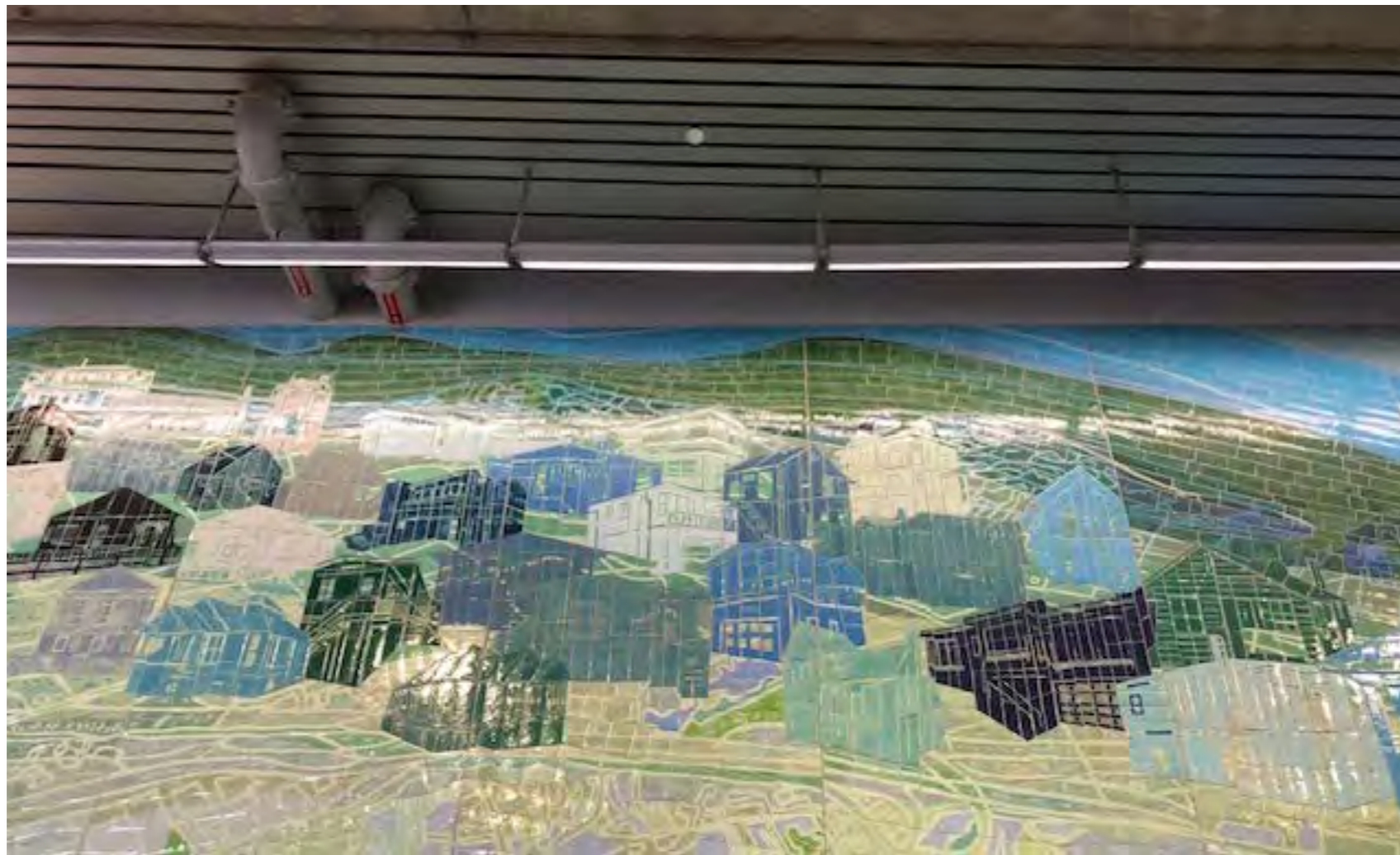
Artist:

Type: Commercial/Municipal? (mosaic)

Date:

Location: 6699 Fairmount Avenue





El Cerrito Del Norte BART Station

Artist: Kyungmi Shin, Todd Gray

Type: Commercial/Municipal? (mosaic)

Date: 2021

Location: 6400 Cutting Boulevard





Contra Costa Theater

Artist: Wiggoner?

Type: Community/Municipal?

Date: 1990?

Location: 951 Pomona at Moeser

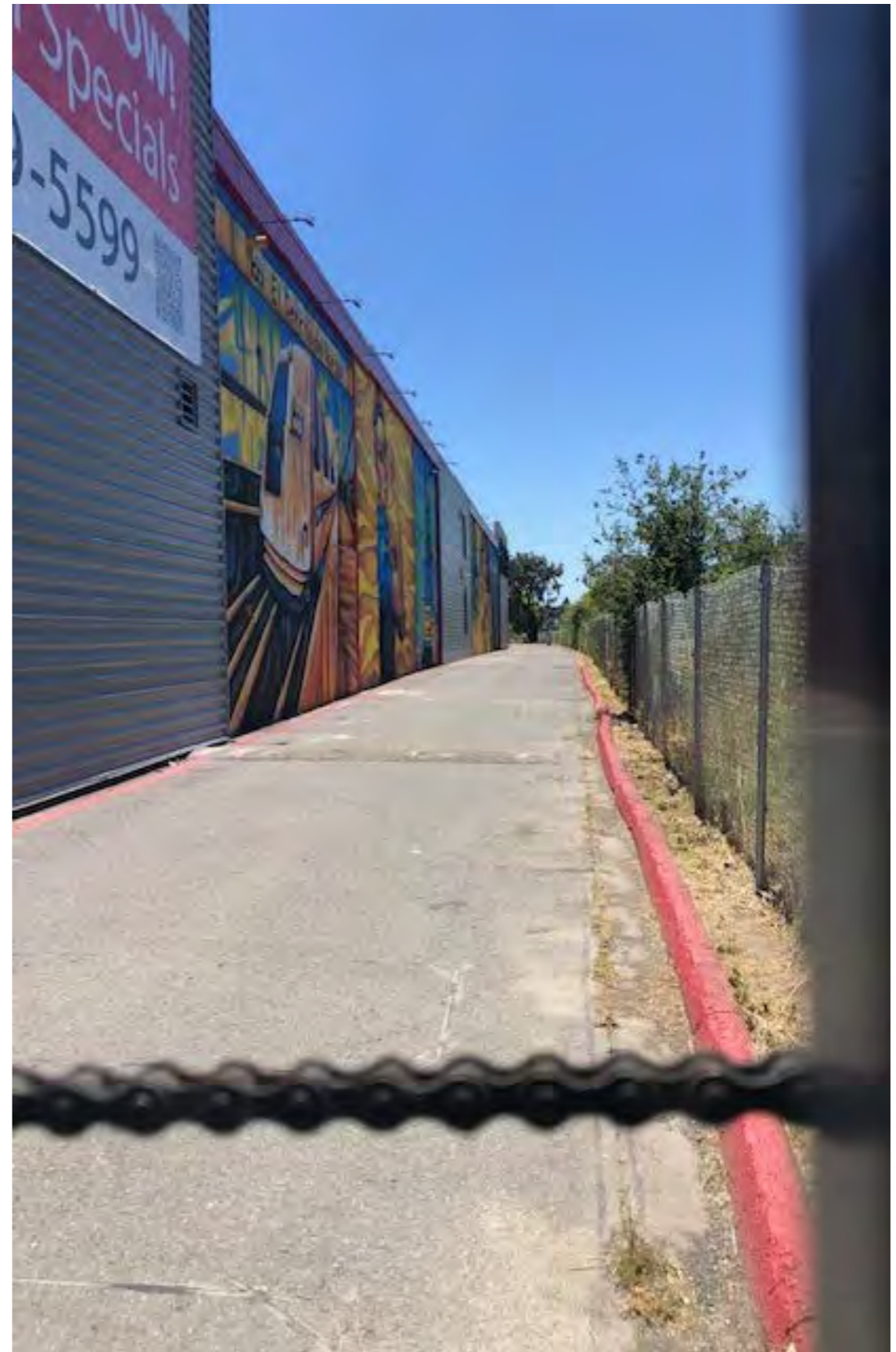
Security Public Storage

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial (in lieu deal)

Date: 2024? 2025?

Location: 1711 Eastshore Blvd.





Artist: Pete Frankel

Type: Municipal

Date: 2026

Location: San Pablo Avenue at Wall Street





Private Residence

Artist: Julio Kaplan

Type: Residential (stencil)

Date: 2016 (trees); 2024 (crows)

Location: 812 Pomona





Private Residence

Artist: Rich Fowler

Type: Residential

Date:?

Location: Ashbury, south of Waldo



Private Residence

Artist: Hector Covarrubias (COVA)

Type: Residential

Date: 2023

Location: 6630 Cutting Boulevard



Private Residence

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: Residential

Date: 2022

Location: 7505 Rockaway



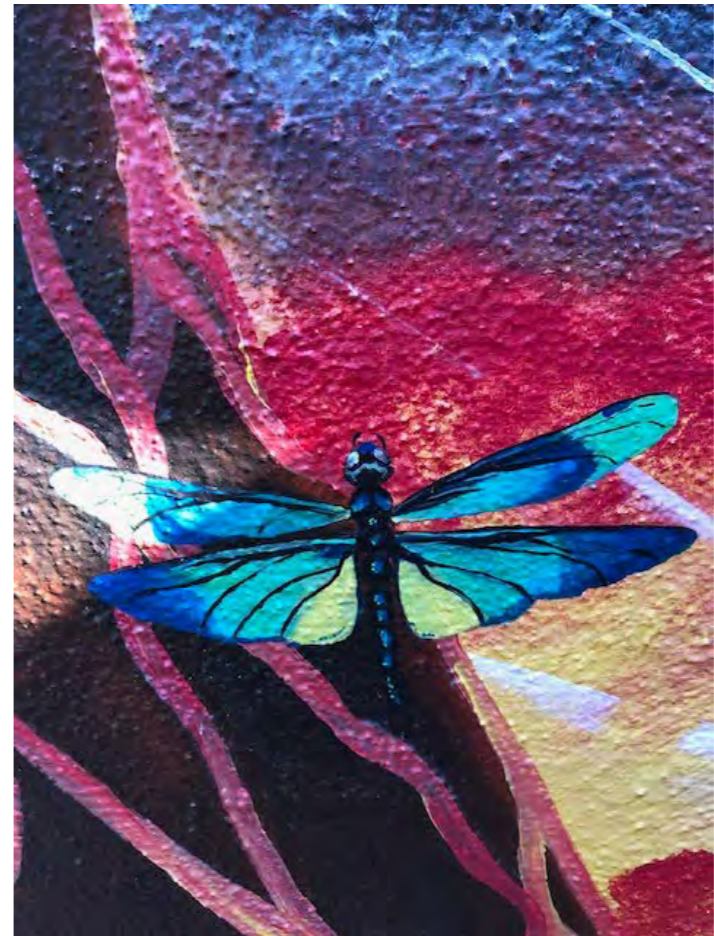
Private Residence

Artist: Christina Breuker

Type: Residential

Date: 2016, 2021

Location: 157 Colusa



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

Location: 1722 Lexington





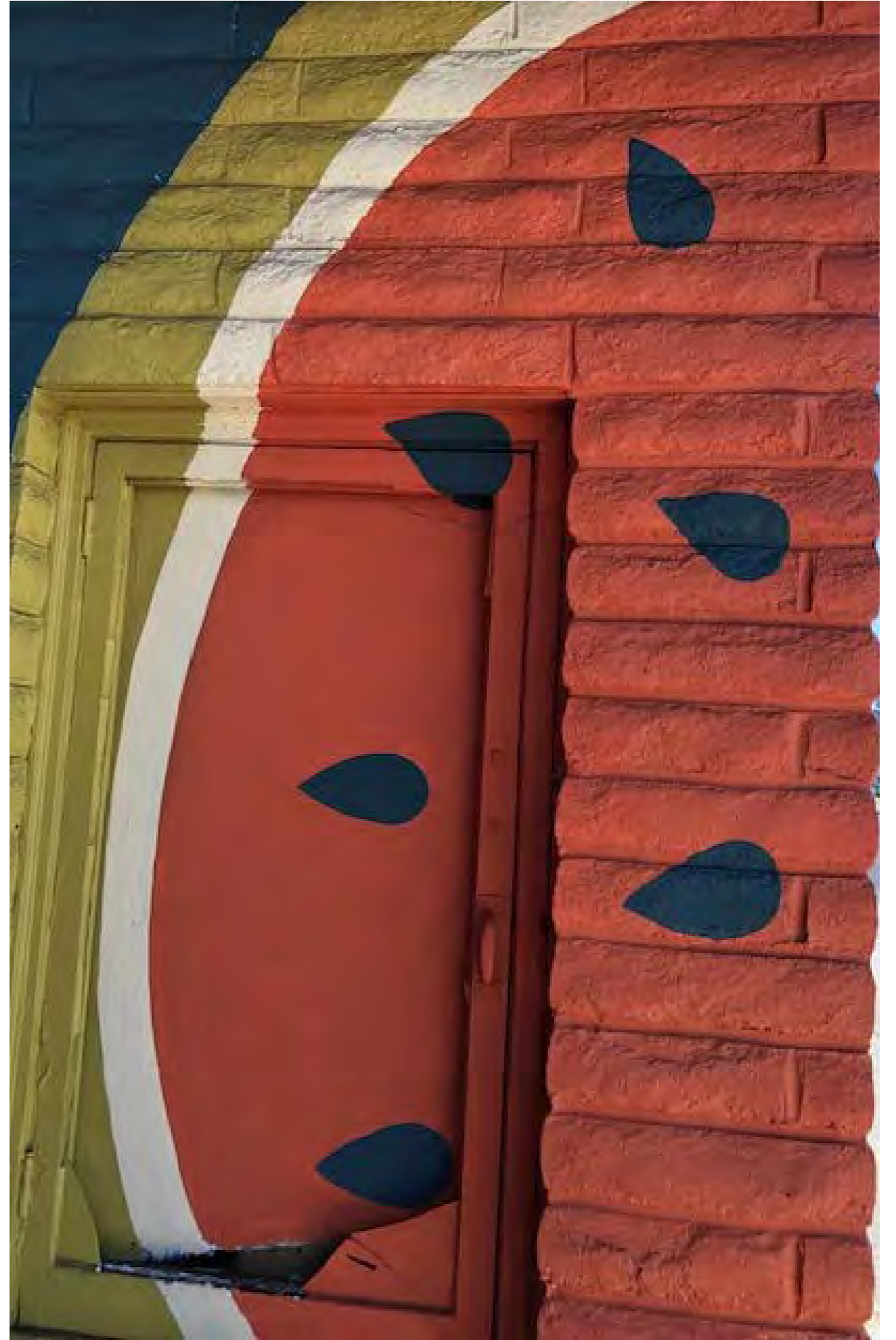
Potrero

Artist: Heather Harrison

Type: Community Collaboration (Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2023

Location: 6117 Potrero, west of San Pablo, south-facing



Potrero

Artist: Katevefosse, 333Arts
Type: Community
Collaboration (Rachel Melby,
Little Hill Realty)
Date: 2023
Location: 6117 Potrero, west of
San Pablo, west-facing





Ohlone Greenway

Artist: ?

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at Gladys
(alley connecting to San Pablo Avenue)**





Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Shaye Maxey, 333Arts
Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby,
Little Hill Realty)
Date: 2024
Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)







Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Elaina B. Mastrilli

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

Location: Ohlone Greenway, north of Manilla

Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Fernanda Martinez, Tinta Art
Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)
Date: 2024
Location: Ohlone Greenway at Gladys (across from El Cerrito Royale)





Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Alex Fatemi

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby,
Little Hill Realty)**

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)**



Ohlone Greenway

Artist: JQLN

**Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby,
Little Hill Realty)**

Date: 2024

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Gladys (across from El Cerrito
Royale)**









Ohlone Greenway

Artist: Double Features Co.

Type: Community Collaboration (Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)

Date: 2024

Location: Ohlone Greenway at Potrero (across from Bruce King Dog Park)

Ohlone Greenway

**Artist: Fernanda Martinez, Tinta Art
Type: Community Collaboration
(Darcy Wheeler; Rachel Melby,
Little Hill Realty)**

Date: 2025

**Location: Ohlone Greenway at
Potrero (across from Bruce King
Dog Park)**





Fairmont Elementary School

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: School

Date:?

Location: Stockton at Kearney Street



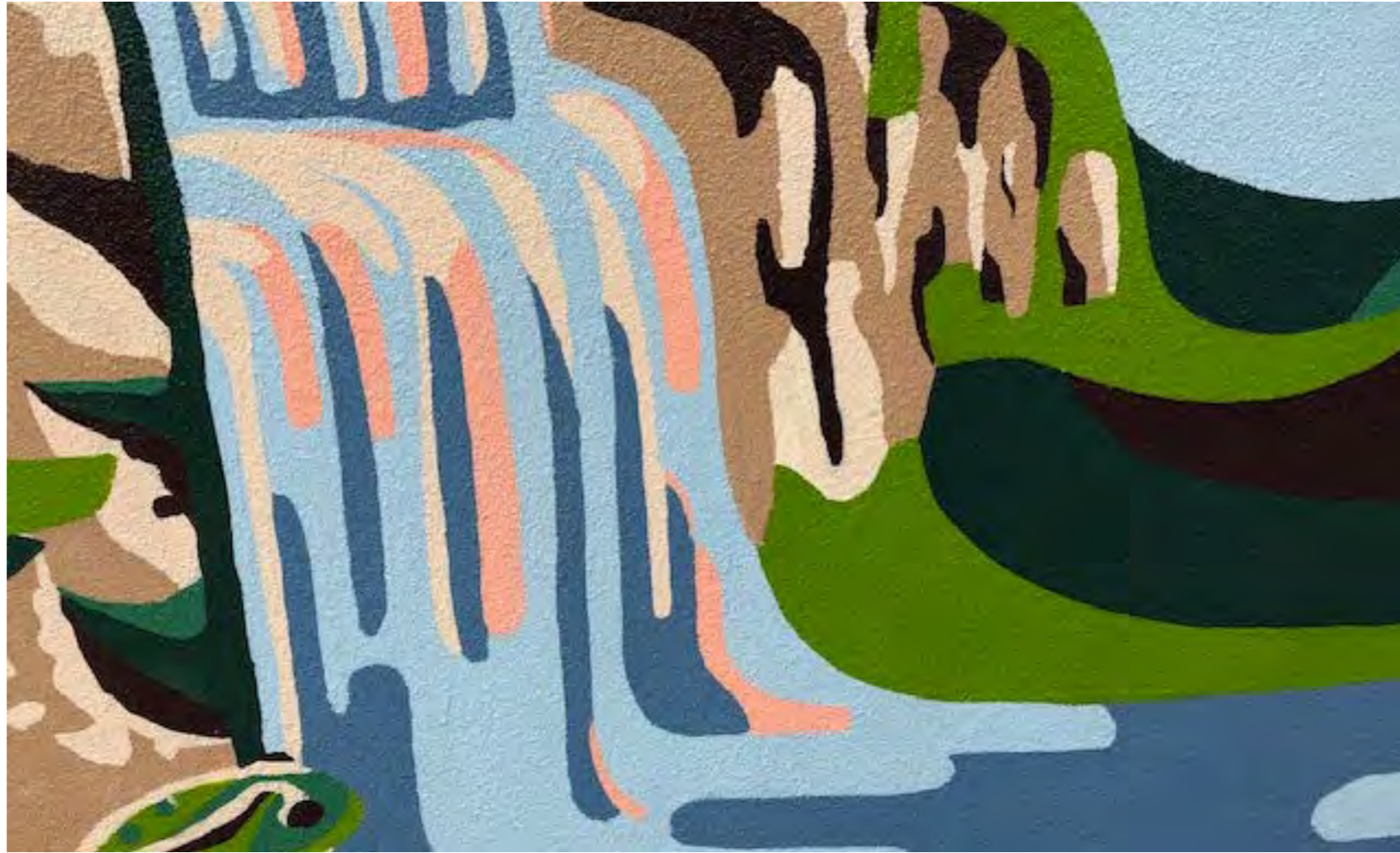
Fairmont Elementary School

Artist: ?

Type: School

Date: ?

Location: 724 Kearney



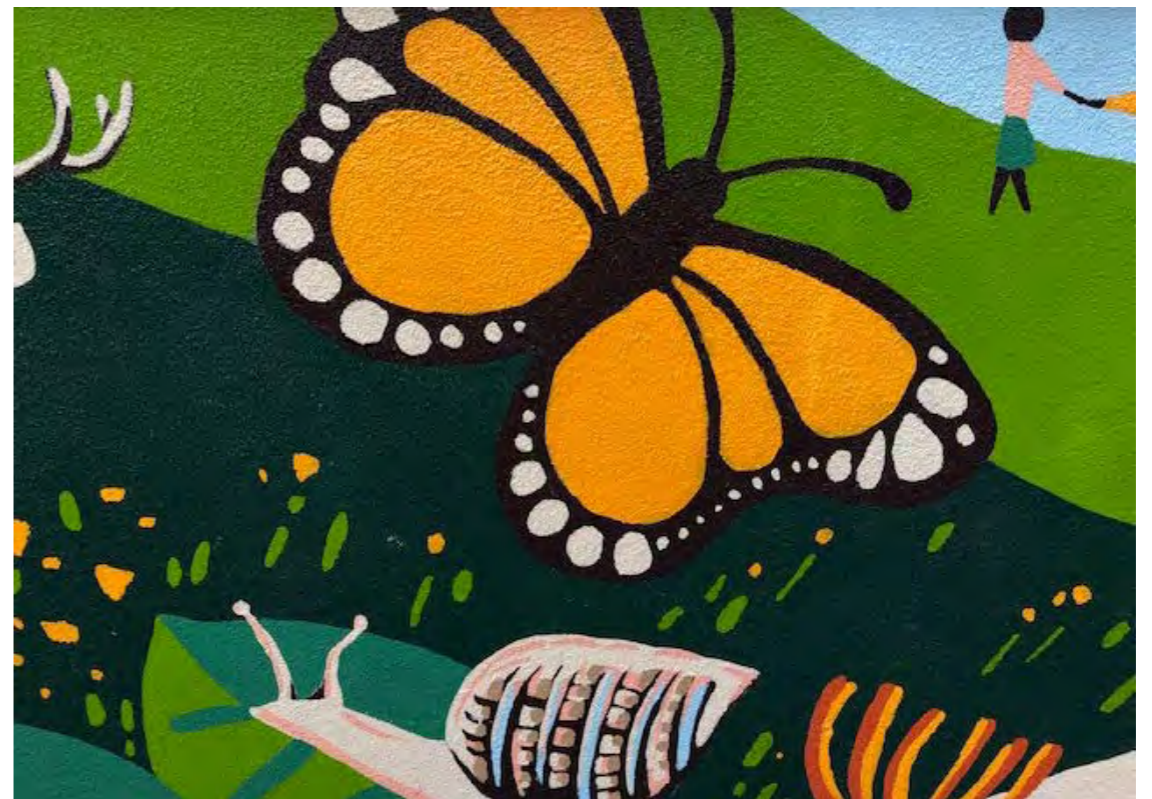
Harding Elementary School

Artist: Sandrine Demathieu, Grade 6 students

Type: School

Date: 2022

Location: Fairmount side at Ashbury Avenue





Harding Elementary School

Artist: Kristin Kong

Type: School

Date: 2025

Location: Ashbury side at Fairmount Avenue



Murals in Surrounding Areas



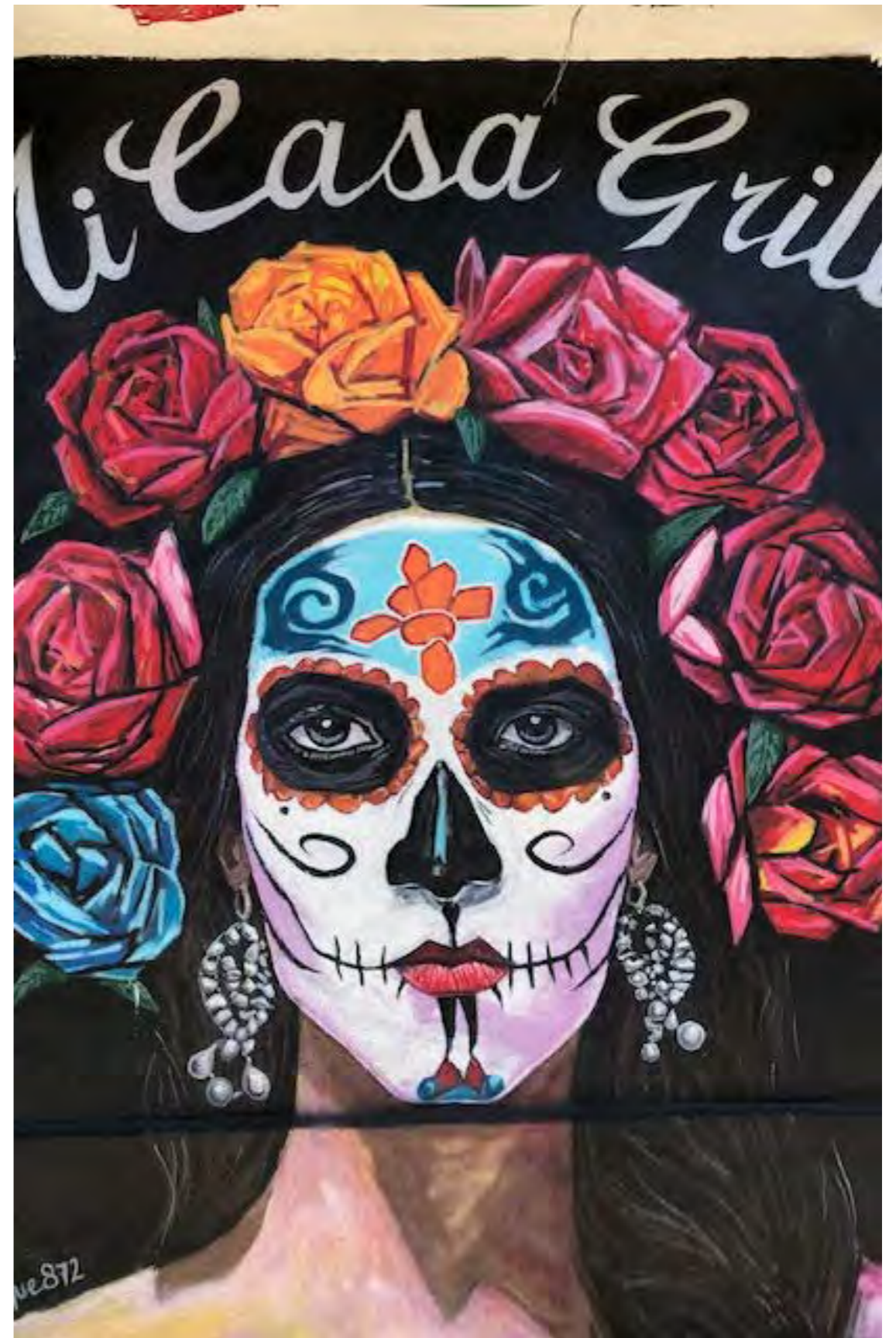
Richmond Library



Richmond Recreation Center

Mi Casa Grill

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique
Type: Commercial
Date: 2024
**Location: McDonald at San Pablo,
Richmond**



Mi Casa Grill

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: 2022

**Location: McDonald at San Pablo,
Richmond**



Across from Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Deonta Allen (Dallenart)

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

Location: San Pablo Avenue



Across from Antojitos Guatemaltecos Restaurant

Artist: Doran Dada, 333Arts
Type: Community Collaboration
(Rachel Melby, Little Hill Realty)
Date: 2021
Location: San Pablo Avenue





Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

Location: 339 Colusa, Kensington



Private Residence

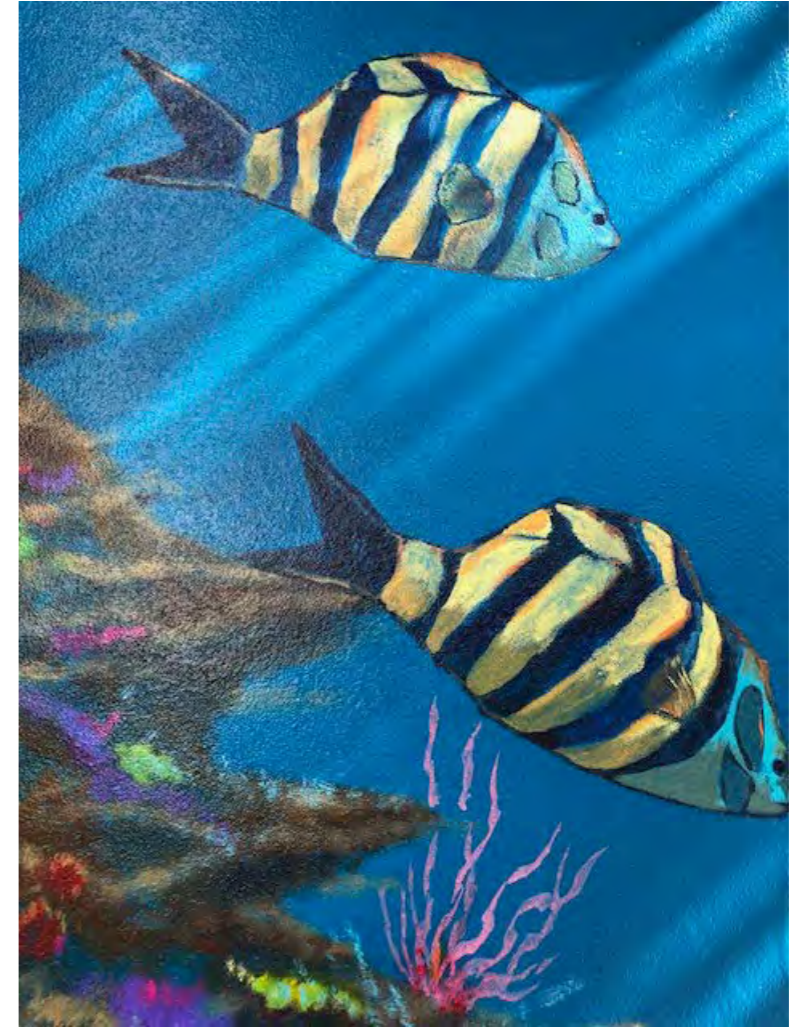
Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Residential

Date: 2021-2022

Location: 800 block, Cornell Street, Albany





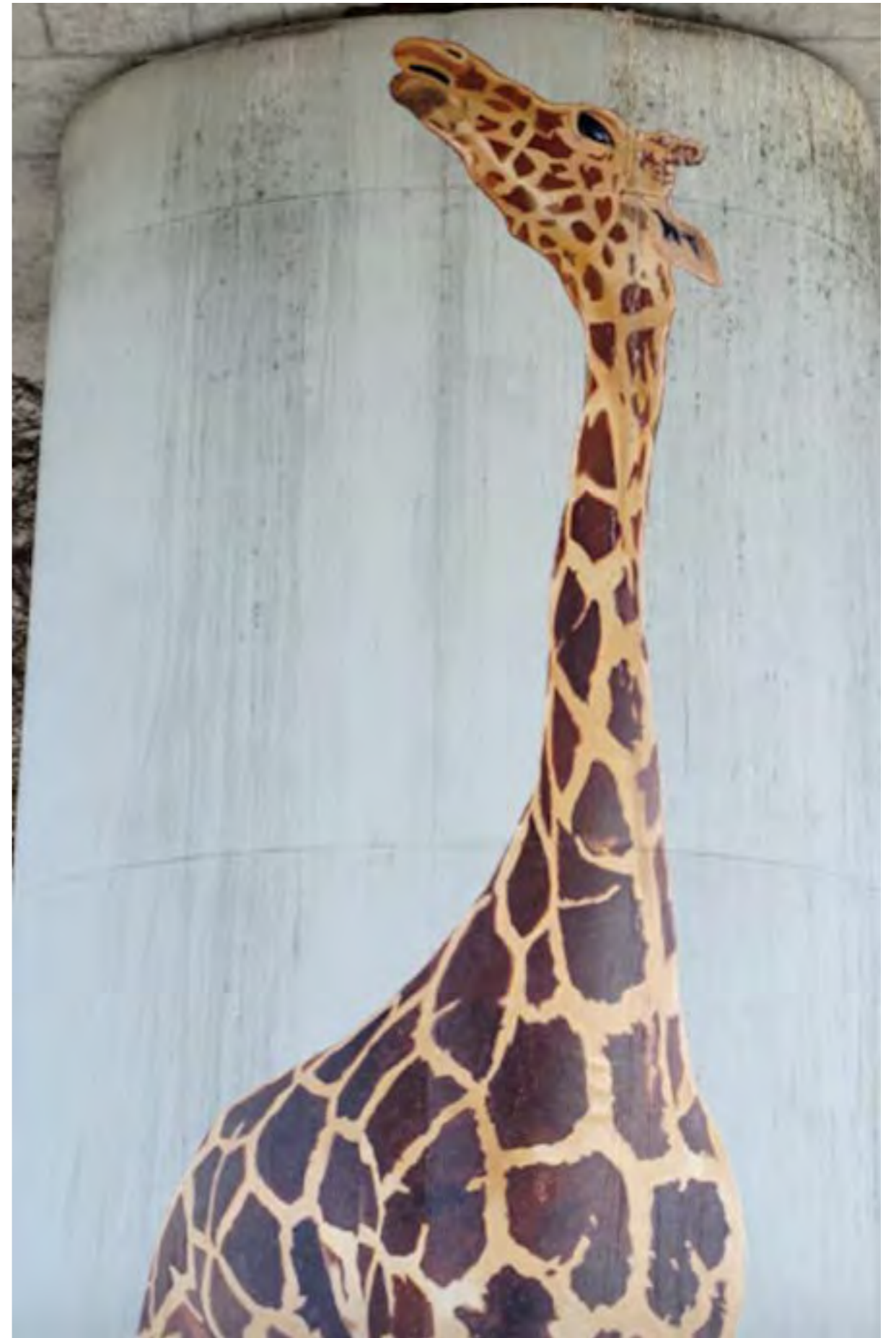
Oakland Underpass Giraffes

Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Municipal?

Date: 1983

Location: Oakland





Oakland Building

Artist: Dan Fontes

**Type: Commercial/Oakland Redevelopment Agency/Alameda County
Art Commission**

Date: 1987-88

Location: 27th and Broadway (since painted over)



Private Residence

Artist: Dan Fontes

Type: Residential

Date:

**Location: 600 block, Cornell Street,
Albany**

Private Residence

Artist: Marguerite Buck-Bauer
Type: Residential (mosaic)
Date: 2020-present
Location: 1083 Nielson Street, Albany



Private Residence

Artist: Art Thou (Peter Canty)
Type: Residential
Date: 2016
**Location: Santa Fe, northeast of
Washington,
Albany**





Abrams Claghorn Gallery

Artist: Anna Vaughan

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: Masonic, northwest of Solano,
Albany**



Abrams Claghorn Gallery

Artist: Natalie Mae Borges, Leah Yael Levy

Type: Commercial

Date: 2021

**Location: Solano, southwest of Masonic,
Albany**





Lizzy's Cajun Cafe

Artist: ?

Type: Commercial

Date: ?

**Location: Masonic, southwest of Solano,
Albany**



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

**Location: Arch Street, northeast of Eunice,
Berkeley**



Private Residence

Artist: ?

Type: Residential

Date: ?

**Location: Glen Street, east of Spruce,
Berkeley**





Anahuac Mexican Cuisine

Artist: Agustin Maes San Enrique

Type: Commercial

Date: 2025

**Location: Curtis Street, north of
Solano, Berkeley**







Marin Elementary School

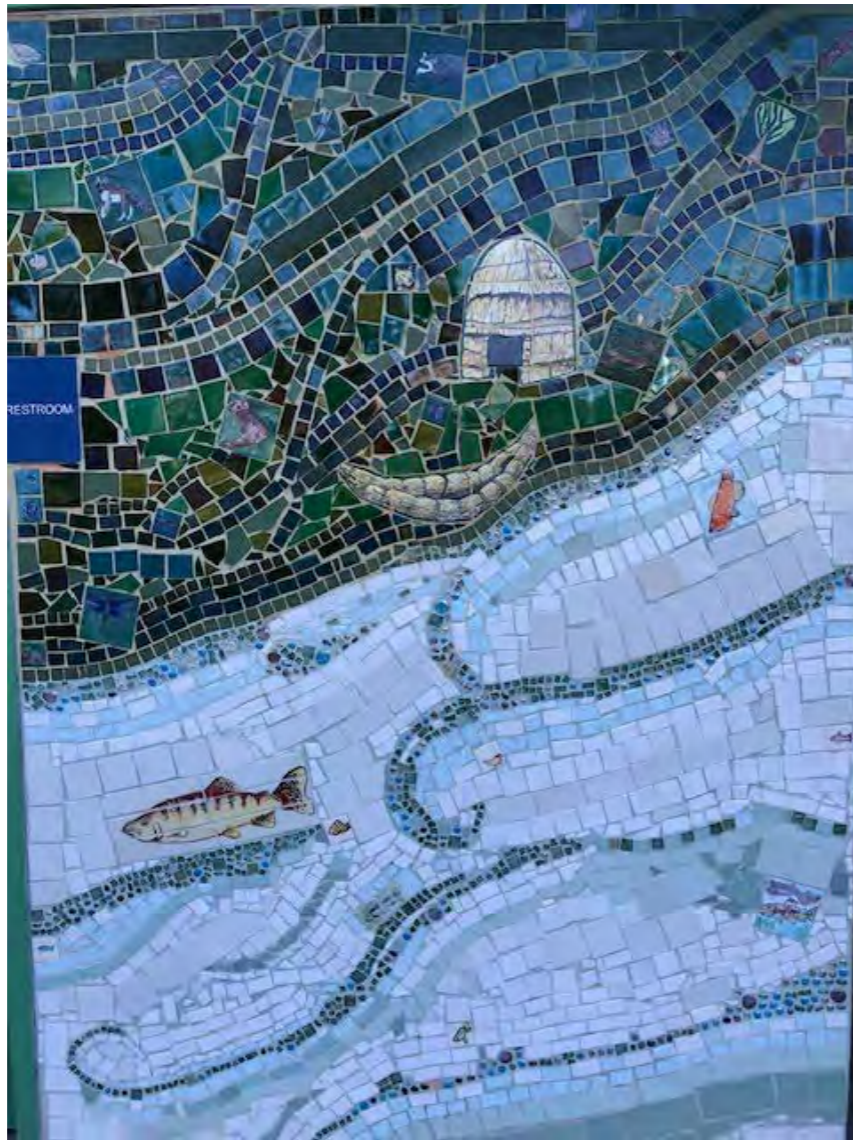
Artist: Various

Type: School (mosaic)

Date: Ongoing

Location: Marin Avenue at Curtis, Albany





Jewel's Terrace Park

Artist: Josef Norris

Type: Municipal (mosaic)

Date: 2007

Location: 1548 Terrace Avenue, Albany

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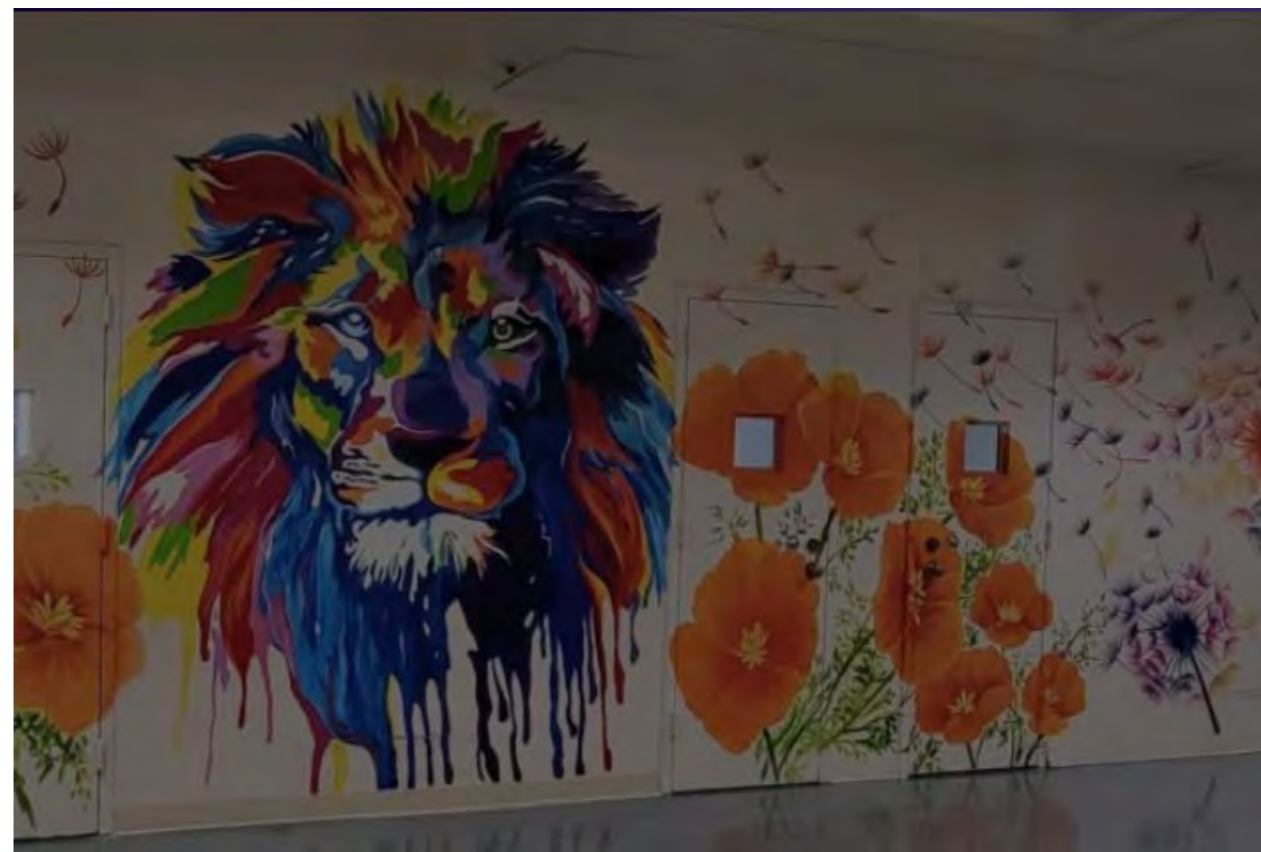
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