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AGENDA

REGULAR MEETING OF THE ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION

Monday, August 24, 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, Michael Kessler, 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 EI CERRITO ART ASSOCIATION**
Consider approval of an application requesting \$3,600 in financial support from the El Cerrito Art Association to host its 49th Annual Art Show at the El Cerrito Community Center on October 2-4, 2026. (Attachment)
5. **CITY HALL GALLERY SPACE EXHIBITION CALL FOR ARTISTS**
Review, make modifications, and consider approval of a Call for Artists to display work in the El Cerrito City Hall Gallery Space. (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:
 - United Against Hate Week Chalk Art Event – Consider action to contribute art supplies and/or financial support to the event planned for October 17, 2026 from 10am-1pm on the Ohlone Greenway between Eureka Ave. and

Stockton Ave., including printing costs and the option of providing a stipend of \$200 to support the artist leading the event, Naima Yi.

- October Arts Month (Attachment – DRAFT poster)
 - 10/2 to 10/4 – EC Art Association Annual Open Show
 - 10/6 – Hooks & Needles Crafting Event at EC Library
 - 10/9 – ECCRU Artist Reception, Susan Kuchinskas
 - 10/10 - El Cerrito Free Folk Festival
 - 10/12 – Still Life Lab, Mondays at Colorspace Arts
 - 10/13 – Jazz on Tuesdays at Little Hill Lounge (21+)
 - 10/15 – El Cerrito High School Fall Band Concert*
 - 10/17 – United Against Hate Week Chalk Art Event
 - 10/21 – Annex Sessions, Wednesdays at El Cerrito Natural
 - 10/23 – EC Historical Society Photo Contest Reception
 - 10/28 – Macbeth, The Met Opera Live at the Rialto*
 - 10/29 - ECCRU Halloween Mask-Making Workshop
 - (*paid admission)

7. COMMUNITY CENTER MURAL PROJECT EXPLORATION

Hear a report from the Ad Hoc Subcommittee conducting research on mural projects and consider next steps that should be taken in relation to developing a future call for artists to paint a mural at the El Cerrito Community Center or another location.

8. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Consider approval of the minutes of the June 22, 2026 meeting. (Attachment)

9. 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 Free Folk Festival, October 10, 2026
- United Against Hate Week Chalk Art Event, October 17, 2026
- El Cerrito Natural “Annex Sessions”, Wednesdays, 6pm
- City Hall Gallery Shows
 - ECCRU Artist Reception, October 9, 5pm
 - Historical Society Photo Contest Reception – October 23, 5pm

10. UPCOMING ITEMS

- El Cerrito Creative ReUse Call for Artists (September)
- El Cerrito Poet Laureate Call for Poets
- Venue Database
- Mini-Grant Guidelines and Grantee Requirements

11. ADJOURNMENT

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