



# CITY COUNCIL AGENDA REPORT

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MEETING DATE: NOVEMBER 19, 2013

ITEM NUMBER: \_\_\_\_\_

**SUBJECT:** ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

**DATE:** OCTOBER 30, 2013

**FROM:** PUBLIC SERVICES/RECREATION DIVISION

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## RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends City Council provide direction to the Cultural Arts Committee on establishing an "Art in Public Places Program".

## BACKGROUND

Mayor Pro Tem, Steve Mensinger has requested staff to establish an "Art in Public Places Program". Costa Mesa is known as "The City of the Arts" and currently does not have an established "Art in Public Places Program".

The City's Cultural Arts Committee's purpose is to enhance, promote and support the City's rich artistic community and provide City Council with advice relative to Cultural Arts issues.

## ANALYSIS

Recreation staff surveyed surrounding cities (Brea, Cerritos, Laguna Beach, Long Beach and Newport Beach) that have established an "Art in Public Places Program" (Attachment 1).

The Cultural Arts Committee will work on the following to bring back at the March 4, 2014 City Council meeting:

1. "Art in Public Places Program" Policy and Manual
  - Includes: program purpose, selection process, site selection process, maintenance of public art, funding for public art, criteria for public art and public art application.
2. "Art in Public Places Program" projects
  - Includes: murals, sculptures, bus stop shelters, park amenities (benches and bike racks).

3. “Art in Public Places Program” City Ordinance Resolution.

- Adoption of the programs policy and manual.

**ALTERNATIVES CONSIDERED**

The City Council could decide to receive and file the proposed program as an information item only.

**FISCAL IMPACT**

No fiscal impact.

**LEGAL REVIEW**

The City Attorney will review “Art in Public Places Program” policy, manual and ordinance resolution.

**CONCLUSION**

Costa Mesa is known as the “City of the Arts” and currently does not have an established “Art in Public Places Program”. Staff recommends the City Council provide direction to the Cultural Arts Committee on establishing an “Art in Public Places Program”.

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Attachments: [1. Surrounding Cities Art in Public Places Survey](#)