



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.1

DATE: October 27, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: Presentation on the Great Elephant Migration exhibit installation and opening in Livermore.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive the presentation.

SUMMARY

The organizers of the Great Elephant Migration exhibit held a VIP opening event on October 8, 2026, and a formal community opening event on October 10, 2026. These events were attended by hundreds of community stakeholders, local community members, and members of our Commission for the Arts. The Commission previously recommended supporting this event with contingent matching funding; the organizers met the required matching goal and the funding commitment from the City helped make this event a reality.

DISCUSSION

During the June 23, 2026, Commission for the Arts meeting, the Commission was asked to consider the recommendation of \$30,000 in contingent matching funds supporting Three Thirty-Three Arts' and Livermore Valley Performing Arts Center's effort to bring the Great Elephant Migration exhibit to Livermore. This exhibit, designed to support and provide education on human-wildlife coexistence, was recommended for approval by the Commission.

On October 8, 2026, the first exhibit event was held in Bankhead Plaza. Commission for the Arts members, elected officials, and City staff, along with other stakeholders determined by the organizers were invited to this VIP reception. The event featured comments from City of Livermore Mayor John Marchand, a blessing of the 30-elephant herd, and a cultural dance coordinated by IVA events.

The community opening event, held on October 10, 2026, in Stockmen's Park, saw hundreds of community members attend out to see the elephants and support the exhibit.

ATTACHMENTS

1. Great Elephant Migration Exhibit Photos

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