



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.5

DATE: December 16, 2025

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: Discussion and feedback related to the 2026 Commission for the Arts annual update to the City Council

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends that the Commission for the Arts determine what information they would like to present to the City Council for the Commission's Annual Update on April 13, 2026.

DECISION TYPE

Administrative

SUMMARY

The Commission for the Arts is scheduled to make a brief presentation to the City Council at their City Council Meeting on April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. This presentation should include an overview of Commission responsibilities as well as activities over the past year.

DISCUSSION

Each City of Livermore Board, Commission, and Committee is required to make an annual presentation to the City Council. This presentation should be a brief, five-minute overview of the work done by the Commission for the Arts during the past year. While the presentation should focus on the efforts and accomplishments of the Commission and its members, it can also include any other matters that the Council should be aware of. There should also be a reference to the Commission's workplan which was discussed at the November meeting and will be brought back at the January meeting.

This presentation is currently scheduled for the City Council Meeting on April 13, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. The Commission Chair generally delivers the presentation, but the Vice Chair or another commissioner can give the presentation if the Chair is not available on the scheduled date.

The following is a list of activities, and accomplishments that the Commission for the Arts may want to consider referencing in their presentation when discussing the influence, feedback, and input that has

been provided by the Commission:

- Commission Membership
 - Commission for the Arts consists of nine commissioners – Laurence Milder (current Chair), Natalia Custodio (current Vice Chair), Cathleen deOrnelas, Tauheeda Babar, Thomasin Dewhurst, Robert Gausman, Raj Kowligi, Monya Lane, Tracy Sahn
 - Terms of office are four years
- Grants awarded
- Efforts to remove barriers for grant applicants
- Adjustment to High School Junior and Senior Arts Awards
- Support for Library arts efforts
- Efforts towards Partnership model
- Community outreach efforts
- Developer initiated art projects
- Art show judging
- Progress towards strategic objectives

At the conclusion of the discussion of ideas that commissioners would like to see become part of the presentation, staff will begin working with the designated presenter to put together a draft presentation for the Commission to review at the February 24, 2026, regular meeting. After the Commission has had a chance to provide any final feedback, the presentation will be finalized and presented at the April 13, 2026, City Council meeting.

The Commission is asked to be prepared to take a group photo at the January regular meeting that will be used as part of the presentation.

ATTACHMENTS

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