



Meeting Date: January 14, 2026

TOWN OF MORAGA

STAFF REPORT

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**To: Honorable Mayor and Councilmembers**

**From: Mackenzie Brady, Parks and Recreation Director**

**Subject: Public Art Donations for Two Cement Lion Sculptures at the Moraga Library and “Mirror Ball” by Artist Doug Heine Along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail**

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Adopt a Resolution:

1. Accepting the donation of two cement lion sculptures from the Lum family for installation at the Moraga Library entrance;
2. Accepting the donation of “Mirror Ball,” a sculpture created by artist Doug Heine, for placement along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail; and
3. Authorizing the Town Manager to execute applicable Public Artwork Donation Agreements in a form approved by the Town Attorney

### **BACKGROUND**

In 2015, the Town Council established the Art in Public Spaces Committee (APSC), along with the Art in Public Spaces Policy and Art in Public Spaces Fund, to encourage public art throughout Moraga.

The Town currently has twelve (12) sculptures on loan from five artists, eleven (11) sculptures that are part of the Town’s permanent public art collection, one utility box wrap, and one mural, for a total of twenty-five (25) pieces of art located throughout the community. The APSC continues to work toward expanding and enhancing public art opportunities in Moraga.

The Town’s Art in Public Spaces Policy allows the Town to accept donations of artwork valued under \$50,000.

## **DISCUSSION**

### *Lion Sculptures*

In April 2025, the Town received a Public Art Application from the Lum family proposing donation of two cement lion sculptures (Attachment C). In October 2025, the Art in Public Spaces Committee approved this application and recommended placement on either side of the entry way stairs at the Moraga Library.

The sculptures are proposed to be placed symmetrically on either side of the Library's main entry stairway. Each sculpture is approximately 28 inches long by 11 inches tall, and weigh about 200 pounds. Town engineering staff have evaluated structural feasibility for placement of these sculptures at the recommended location. These sculptures are valued at \$2000.00 and would be a part of the Town's permanent collection.

### *"Mirror Ball"*

In November 2025, the Town received a Public Art Application from artist Doug Heine proposing donation of a large- scale steel sculpture (Attachment D). The Art in Public Spaces Committee approved this application and recommended placement along the Lafayette-Moraga Regional Trail. The Heine proposal was presented to the Parks and Recreation Commission in December 2025, and the Commission unanimously approved accepting the donation and recommending its placement.

"Mirror Ball" is a red painted steel sculpture consisting of curved structural arc elements with circular forms; approximately 9 feet tall, 5 feet wide; and approximately 400 pounds. The sculpture is proposed to be mounted to a concrete pad and installed as part of the Town's permanent collection. The "Mirror Ball" sculpture is valued at \$14,000.00.

Attachment E shows the approximate installation location for each sculpture.

Both submittals were evaluated by the Art in Public Spaces Committee for artistic merit, community benefit, placement suitability, safety, installation feasibility, and maintenance requirements. If approved by the Town Council, the Town will enter into Public Artwork Donation Agreements with the donors. A copy of the Agreement form is included in this report (Attachment B).

## **FISCAL IMPACT**

Staff estimates installation costs of approximately \$500 per installation, plus staff labor. Funding is available Parks and Recreation annual operating budget. Annual maintenance needs are expected to be minimal.

## **CEQA COMPLIANCE**

Placing these two sculptures is not subject to review under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21000, et seq. and the CEQA Guidelines (14 Cal. Code Regs. §§ 15000 et. seq.), including without limitation, Public Resources Code section 21065 and California Code of Regulations 15378 as this is not a

“project” that may cause a direct, or reasonably foreseeable indirect, physical change in the environment.

### **ALTERNATIVES**

1. Do not approve one or both sculpture installations; and
2. Request additional information or provide alternate direction to staff.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Upon Council approval, staff will execute the donation agreements and coordinate the installation schedule.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

[Attachment A - Draft Resolution](#)

[Attachment B - Public Artwork Agreement](#)

[Attachment C - Cement Lions](#)

[Attachment D - Mirror Ball](#)

[Attachment E - Project Locations](#)