



# Memorandum

**TO:** PUBLIC ART COMMITTEE

**FROM:** MICHAEL OGILVIE

**SUBJECT:** SEE BELOW

**DATE:** May 31, 2018

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**Council District: 3**

**SUBJECT:** Selection of artist Vicki Scuri for the Coleman and Bassett Underpass.

**UPDATE**

This is an update on the selection of artist Vicki Scuri for the illuminated underpass project at the Coleman Ave underpass that goes over Bassett Street in San José, California.

**DATE OF ARTIST SELECTION:** Wednesday, April 11, 2018

**ARTWORK BUDGET:** \$290,000, including a contingency of \$15,000 that will not be paid to artist except to address unforeseen issues that may arise.

**LOCATION:** The project site is at the Coleman Ave underpass that goes over Bassett Street in San José, California.

**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

The City of San José Public Art Program in conjunction with the Departments of Housing, Transportation, Parks, Recreation and Neighborhood Services, and Public Works released an RFQ on January 11, 2018 seeking an experienced artist, or artist-led team to develop an artwork that uses energy efficient LED lighting that will be installed at Coleman underpass to increase safety, visibility and to encourage active transportation to and from this district at all hours. As Public Art this creative place making project will engage residents in a participatory design process to enliven the streetscape beneath the Coleman overpass while also strengthening neighborhood identity. The RFQ closed of February 27, 2018 and 84 applications were received.

In conjunction with the Office of Councilmember Peralez a neighborhood review panel was put together to select an artist to be contracted to fabricate and install the artwork. The review panel was comprised of six community members and included an artist who lives in Council District 3. The initial scoring by the review panel was done online. This scoring shortlisted the applicants to 18

The Artist Selection Panel met on April 11 at City Hall. The panel reviewed 18 artists from the shortlist and unanimously selected artist Vicki Scuri.

## **PUBLIC OUTREACH**

The initial online review conducted by Artist Selection Panel happened before the April 11, 2018 meeting. The panelists that reviewed the applicants online were:

Judith Hurley	City of San José Resident
Kymberli Brady	City of San José Resident
Gino De Bernardo	Business owner, SJ Downtown Association Board Member, Little Italy Board Member, City of San José Resident
Regina Williams	First Community Housing Representative
Corinne Okada Takara	Artist, City of San José Resident

The Artist Selection Panel that met on March 6, 2018 was a diverse group of stakeholders representative of the community and neighborhood, as follows:

Judith Hurley	City of San José Resident
Regina Williams	First Community Housing Representative
Corinne Okada Takara	Artist, City of San José Resident
Robin Spears	Senior Landscape Architect, City of San José
Tamiko Rast	Business Owner, Artist, Commissioner (current), City of San José Arts Commission, and Public Art Committee liaison to project.

Public and community engagement meetings in conjunction with this project will be scheduled once the artist has been contracted.

/s/

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