

**CITY OF SAN JOSE ARTS COMMISSION:
ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR FY 2022-2023**

CANDIDATE STATEMENTS

CHAIR (Candidate 1)

Juan Carlos Araujo

Position: Chair, San Jose Arts Commission

I would like to nominate Commissioner Juan Carlos Araujo, currently Vice Chair, San Jose Arts Commission, for the position of Chair for the year 2022-23.

Juan Carlos Araujo is Director/Art Consultant, a self-taught painter, who grew up in San Jose doing graffiti. He founded Empire Seven Studios, an urban contemporary art gallery and creative studio located just outside the Japantown neighborhood of San Jose, California. His commitment to the arts is evident from E7S's passionate and inclusive approach to the art they showcase and curate during current times. E7S has enhanced the San Jose art scene by bringing life to the city through public art installations, innovative pop-up shows, and gallery exhibits to elevate and highlight emerging talents on a grand scale.

Araujo has now been on the commission for 3.5 years, of which last 2 he has served as Vice Chair. Considering his experience as Vice Chair and his commitment to the arts, I feel he is ready to take on the responsibilities of Chairmanship of the arts commission. I wholeheartedly nominate Juan Carlos Araujo as Chair for 2022-23.

Smita Garg, Ed.D.
Current chair, San Jose Arts Commission

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VICE-CHAIR (Candidate 1)

Lynne Rosenthal

Position: Vice Chair, San Jose Arts Commission

I would like to nominate Commissioner Lynne Rosenthal for the position of Vice Chair, SJ Arts commission for the year 2022-23.

Lynne Rosenthal is a Bay area Residential Interior Designer and artist creating jewelry, collages and pastels. Rosenthal has also previously served on the SVCCreates Board. She has been a lifetime supporter of the arts in this community. She feels strongly that the arts need more help than ever before in the coming years. According to her, the current crisis puts even more strain on every group's ability to survive. She would like to support individual artists as well as arts groups. She believes we could all do much more than what has been done so far.

This is Lynne Rosenthal's 1 1/2 year on the commission. Considering her years of experience as an artist, her time at SVCCreates, as well as her sincerity as a commissioner who has also served on the Public Art committee, I support her nomination for the position of Vice Chair.

Smita Garg, Ed.D.
Current chair, San Jose Arts Commission