

RESOLUTION NO. 23-____

Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Approving Artists Naomi VanDoren, Michele Théberge, Jess Cook, Lisa Rock, Lisa Rock, Grégoire Vion And Erin Fong And Alternates Salma Arastu and Muna Abdulahi For The *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program – Phase VII* And Authorizing The City Manager To Execute Agreements With The Approved Artists For Final Design Of The Art Works In Amounts Not To Exceed \$5,000 For Each Artist

WHEREAS, Article 4 of Chapter 2 of Title 3 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishes the Contributions for the Art in Public Places Program; and

WHEREAS, Section 3-2.404 of the Emeryville Municipal Code establishes the Emeryville Public Art Fund to implement the Art in Public Places Program; and

WHEREAS, a goal of the Public Art Program is to locate public art in distinct neighborhoods throughout the City and thereby introduce the City's public art to a larger audience; and

WHEREAS, as part of its 2023 project priorities, the Public Art Committee ("PAC") included Phase VII of the *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program* with the intent to continue building the City's Art in Public Places Program through the installation of temporary works of art at transit locations; and

WHEREAS, in February 2023, a Request for Proposals (RFP) for Phase VII of the *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program* was issued and distributed to artists working in a wide range of media including painting, photography, printmaking, textiles, metalwork, and digital media; and

WHEREAS, the RFP requested that artists submit art for this program to respond to a theme of "*Fertile Ground – Art and Innovation*" to inspire compelling imagery as well as to encourage broad ranging possibilities for creative interpretation; and

WHEREAS, in March 2023, the City Manager appointed a five-member selection panel for Phase VII of the *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program*, comprised of Jean Goldman, representing the PAC; Jean Johnstone and Mario Navasero, as outside art professionals; Sharon Wilchar, representing the community; and Nancy Humphrey, Environmental Programs Manager, representing the City (the "Selection Panel"); and

WHEREAS, twenty-one responses to the RFP were received by the application deadline of April 18, 2023, of which eighteen were deemed eligible; and

WHEREAS, on April 25, 2023, the Selection Panel recommended that the following artists and alternates be selected for Phase VII of the *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program*: Naomi VanDoren, Michele Théberge, Jess Cook, Lisa Rock, Grégoire Vion, and Erin Fong, and alternate artists Salma Arastu and Muna Abdulahi; and

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WHEREAS, on May 11, 2023, the PAC reviewed the Selection Panel’s recommendations and recommended that the City Council approve the six finalists and two alternates, and authorize the City Manager to enter into agreements with the approved artists for final design of the submitted artwork in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each artist; now therefore be it

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby approves artists Naomi VanDoren, Michele Th  berge, Jess Cook, Lisa Rock, Gr  goire Vion, and Erin Fong, (the “Approved Artists”) and alternates Salma Arastu and Muna Abdulahi for the *Sharon Wilchar Bus Shelter Art Program – Phase VII*; and be it further

RESOLVED, that the City Council hereby authorizes the City Manager to execute Agreements with the Approved Artists for final design of the submitted artwork in an amount not to exceed \$5,000 for each artist.

ADOPTED, by the City Council of the City of Emeryville at a regular meeting held Tuesday, June 6, 2023, by the following vote:

AYES:	_____	_____
NOES:	_____	_____
ABSTAIN:	_____	_____
ABSENT:	_____	_____

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK

MAYOR

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

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John Kennedy

CITY ATTORNEY