



City of Emeryville

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: March 19, 2019
TO: Christine Daniel, City Manager
FROM: Charles S. Bryant, Community Development Director
SUBJECT: Resolution Of The City Council Of The City Of Emeryville Accepting The Donation Of *Cosmology 4*, An Art Work By Emeryville Artist Ann Holsberry

RECOMMENDATION

Staff recommends that the City Council accept the donation of Ann Holsberry's artwork *Cosmology 4* for installation in City Hall.

BACKGROUND

In October 2018, City Manager Christine Daniel purchased Ann Holsberry's *Cosmology 4* at the annual Emeryville Celebration of the Arts exhibition. She subsequently hung the work in the City Manager's office in Old Town Hall directly in view of the foyer outside the office. She has offered to donate the work to the City. The 2018 Purchase Award Selection Panel had considered the work as an alternate for the Purchase Award. The artist is also currently being contracted by the City for participation in the Bus Shelter Phase V Temporary Art Program, and is the only artist to be selected for a second commission under this program. Her work can be seen here: <http://www.annholsberry.com/portfolio.html>

DISCUSSION/ ANALYSIS

Attachment 1 includes an image of the piece under consideration for acceptance. *Cosmology 4* measures 30 inches by 30 inches. There are two factors that would allow this piece to be placed in locations that would otherwise be unsuitable for display of the Purchase Award art works. As this piece is donated, rather than purchased with public art funds, it may be placed in a location that is not necessarily open to the general public, such as controlled access areas of City Hall, including offices, conference rooms and hallways. Additionally, the relatively small size of the piece allows it to be relocated if needed and displayed elsewhere in City Hall or in another City facility.

FISCAL IMPACT

Should the piece require future maintenance, Art in Public Places funds could be used if the piece were relocated to a more publicly accessible location. Maintenance or reframing is estimated to cost a few hundred dollars over the life of the piece.

LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

According to Administrative Instruction No. 111, the acceptance of any donations to the City valued at over \$250 must be approved by resolution of the City Council. The donated work is valued at more than \$250, and therefore requires City Council approval to accept. The City Attorney has reviewed and approved the attached resolution.

ADVISORY BODY RECOMMENDATION

On January 10, 2019, the Public Art Committee considered the proposed donation and unanimously recommended the acceptance of the piece and an expression of gratitude for the generosity of the gift.

PREPARED BY: Amber Evans, Economic and Community Development Coordinator, II

REVIEWED BY: Chadrick Smalley, Economic Development and Housing Manager

APPROVED AND FORWARDED TO THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF EMERYVILLE:



Christine Daniel, City Manager

ATTACHMENTS

- Photograph of *Cosmology 4*
- Draft Resolution