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AGENDA

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 - Land Acknowledgment
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7. Public Comment



June 9, 2026

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RECOMMENDATION TO DEACCESSION CIVIC ARTWORK *LENNOX PAST, PRESENT, AND FUTURE* AT LENNOX PARK (SECOND DISTRICT) (3 VOTES)

SUBJECT

The Department of Arts and Culture (Arts and Culture) recommends approval to deaccession a County owned artwork formerly located at Lennox Park in Lennox.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD:

1. Find that the proposed actions are exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) for the reasons stated in this letter and the record.
2. Approve deaccession of the artwork "Lennox Past, Present, and Future" by Create Now (Roger Dolin), created for Lennox Park in 2010, from the County Civic Art Collection.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

Approval of the recommended actions will find that the deaccession is exempt from the CEQA and will deaccession the artwork from the County Civic Art Collection.

Background

The Civic Art Division and the Second District worked with local arts organization Create Now to commission Los Angeles based artist Roger Dolin to create a collaborative mural on the outward facing pool walls with Lennox residents. Dolin worked with more than 30 community members, primarily youth between the ages of 6 and 20 years, who designed and painted their vision of Lennox during two drawing workshops. The artist and community members worked together to translate the drawings into a large painted mural on the exterior walls of Lennox Park.

The mural was painted in vibrant colors and was located on the outside walls of the Lennox Park pool, with the longer section facing west towards Condon Avenue

and two shorter walls on Lennox Blvd. The west facing wall depicts activities happening in Lennox including planes flying to LAX, the ocean, the freeways, people playing in parks, and residents enjoying the pool. The north facing walls depict outer space, with the moon, a meteor, a satellite, a spaceship, and UFO ships depicted. The smaller sidewall features the artwork information and names of everyone who worked on the mural.

Reason for Deaccession

Since the mural was first unveiled in 2010 it has been subjected to graffiti and vandalism including tagging originating from local gangs, according to the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation. In addition, the mural endured damage from sprinklers, bird guano, and other sources of environmental exposure. Although the original anti-graffiti coating helped mitigate deterioration over the years, the damage to the artwork was persistent and cumulative.

A 2018 conservation assessment by RLA Conservation documented that the mural was in poor condition, noting paint loss, cracks, bleaching, fading, and paint fillings from graffiti mitigation. A 2024 assessment conducted by Site & Studio Conservation further documented the continued deterioration of the artwork and described “severe condition issues” including paint flaking, fading, and peeling, graffiti ghosting, crazing and overall corrosion, and possible internal structural issues of the concrete. The report noted that “the majority of the paint conditions are likely due to the repeated cycle of graffiti and vigorous graffiti removal.”

The report concluded that revitalizing the mural would be an extensive project, requiring a substantial budget and hours of conservation treatment work to both stabilize and restore the mural. In April 2025, the mural was vandalized again and in response, on April 18, 2025, the LA County Department of Parks and Recreation painted over the entire surface with gray paint, without the notification or approval by the Department of Arts and Culture.

On May 1, 2025, Civic Art Division staff were notified by the Department of Parks and Recreation of the artwork’s destruction and provided photos documenting the painting over of the artwork. The Civic Art Division recommends that the artwork be deaccessioned from the Los Angeles County Civic Art Collection because the mural is no longer visible and is in essence completely destroyed.

Next Steps

In accordance with the Civic Art Procedures, Section IX. Deaccessioning, Subsection A, Deaccessioning Conditions, the County retains the right to deaccession any Civic Art on County property if certain criteria are met. In this case, the artwork *is damaged irreparably, or to an extent where repair is infeasible or impractical.*

Deaccession and removal of an artwork from the County’s Civic Art Collection requires approval by the Board of Supervisors.

Additionally, a memo was sent by the Arts and Culture Director to all County Departments as a reminder to notify the Civic Art Division for matters pertaining to civic artworks before any removal, destruction, or planned construction, per the Civic Art Policy and Procedures.

IMPLEMENTATION OF STRATEGIC PLAN GOALS

The recommended actions support North Star 2, Foster Vibrant and Resilient Communities,

Community Connections of the County's Strategic Plan.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

Approval of the recommended actions will have no impact on the County General Fund.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

Pursuant to the Civic Art Procedures adopted by the Board in 2020, the Civic Art Division consulted with County Counsel to create a report to be presented to the Director of Arts and Culture. After the Director has recommended deaccession, the Civic Art Procedures require Board approval.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

The recommended actions are categorically exempt from California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) pursuant to section 15061 (b)(3) of the CEQA Guidelines because it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the actions will not have a significant adverse impact on the environment.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES

The deaccession relieves the County of future maintenance costs, storage costs, and liability of the artwork.

CONCLUSION

It is requested that the Executive Office, Board of Supervisors, return the adopted, stamped Board letter to Arts and Culture, Civic Art at 500 West Temple Street, B-79-2, Los Angeles, CA 90012.

Should you have any questions, please contact me or Grace Ramirez Gaston, Director, Civic Art Division, Arts and Culture, at GRamirezGaston@arts.lacounty.gov or (213) 512-8784.

Respectfully submitted,



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