



**COUNTY OF SAN MATEO**  
Inter-Departmental Correspondence  
Board of Supervisors



**Date:** November 2, 2016  
**Board Meeting Date:** November 15, 2016  
**Special Notice / Hearing:** None  
**Vote Required:** Majority

**To:** Honorable Board of Supervisors

**From:** Carole Groom, Supervisor, District 2

**Subject:** Designation of the San Mateo County Arts Commission as the Local Arts Partner with the California Arts Council (CAC), until rescinded, and authorization to submit an application for a CAC grant

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a resolution:

- A) Designating the San Mateo County Arts Commission as the County's local arts partner with the California Arts Council, until rescinded; and
- B) Authorizing the County Manager to submit an application to the State-Local Partnership Program for a grant and execute the grant contract if awarded.

**BACKGROUND:**

In 2006, the Board of Supervisors sent a letter to the California Arts Council designating the County of San Mateo Arts Commission as the County's local arts partner. Recently, a representative from the California Arts Council contacted the San Mateo County Arts Commission's Chair and its Art Director, as representatives of the County Manager's Office/Board of Supervisors which are the departments that supports the Arts Commission, to request a resolution formally designating the Arts Commission as the local arts partner and authorizing the submittal of an application for funding, as part of the California Arts Council annual funding application process.

**DISCUSSION:**

In 2011, the San Mateo County Arts Commission developed and adopted a five year Strategic Plan. Key initiatives in the plan included developing a formal grant-making program to support arts educators, artists and arts organizations; increasing grant funding for the both the Commission and the grants program; and, improving exhibits in the County Center galleries. In past five years, the Arts Commission made significant

progress on all their key initiatives. The Arts Commission expects to expand on their past accomplishments in the upcoming year and begin the process of developing a San Mateo County Cultural Arts Plan 2016-20, for the years ahead. Through communication with California Arts Council staff, potential funding to support this project was identified.

The County Manager's Office staff has authorized the San Mateo County Arts Commission Chair and its Arts Director to submit the grant application and will request Board authorization to execute a subsequent contract.

The designation of the County Arts Commission as the local arts partner with the State-Local Partnership Program, until rescinded, and submittal of an application for funding contributes to the Shared Vision 2025 for a collaborative community as the Arts Commission's goal is a local arts agency that represents the arts county-wide and can support and sustain the arts county-wide.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

There is no fiscal impact to the County in designating the Arts Commission as the local arts partner, until rescinded; but, it opens up the potential to access funding from the state for the arts.