



CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

TO: Honorable City Council

FROM: City Manager

SUBJECT: Women and Walls – Art Mural Consideration

MEETING DATE: October 14, 2025

Item No. _____

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the City Council consider selecting an art mural by Michelle “Mr. B. Baby” Ruby for the “Women and Walls” initiative.

BACKGROUND:

The City of Commerce has a longstanding commitment to enhancing the cultural and artistic landscape of the community through its Arts in Public Places program. In alignment with this mission and with continued support from the City Council, and the Arts in Public Places Standing Committee have explored new ways to promote equity and representation in public art.

As part of these ongoing efforts, it is recommended to develop a recurring women-focused public art event titled “Women and Walls.” This initiative would reflect the City’s values of inclusion, artistic expression, and community engagement.

The “Women and Walls” initiative aims to celebrate, empower, and elevate women artists in our community by offering meaningful opportunities for visibility through large-scale mural projects. The initiative included a collaborative launch in which each year, five (5) to ten (10) women artists will be selected to collaborate on a large-scale mural on a prominent wall within the Arts District.

Following the collaborative project, each artist will be assigned her own wall (publicly owned or privately donated) to design and complete an individual mural that reflects her artistic voice, personal style, and vision.

DISCUSSION:

Michelle “Mr. B. Baby” Ruby

Michelle Guerrero also known as “Mr. B Baby’s” work is a fusion of Mexican folk art and children’s books. Her artwork is a whimsical twist on universal themes, giving them a playful,

colorful touch. Mr. B Baby's aims to create art for everyone and in the process connect with people and spread happiness through her creations. She creates a wide range of characters who all tell their own unique story.

Option A:



Option B:



Option C:



ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve staff recommendation
2. Disapprove staff recommendation
3. Provide further direction to staff

FISCAL IMPACT:

At this time, there is no direct fiscal impact. Should the Council express support, staff will return with a proposed cost for the selected artwork.

RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:

This item is related to a specific 2016 Strategic Goal to “Develop and invest in infrastructure and beautification projects and support economic growth.”

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