



## CITY OF COMMERCE AGENDA REPORT

**TO:** Honorable City Council

**Item No.** \_\_\_\_\_

**FROM:** City Administrator

**SUBJECT:** A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE APPROVING THE INSTALLATION OF ARTWORK AT 5770 SOUTH EASTERN AVENUE PURSUANT TO THE CITY'S ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROGRAM

**MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2018

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### **RECOMMENDATION:**

Adopt a Resolution approving the installation of artwork at 5770 South Eastern Avenue pursuant to the City's Art In Public Places program.

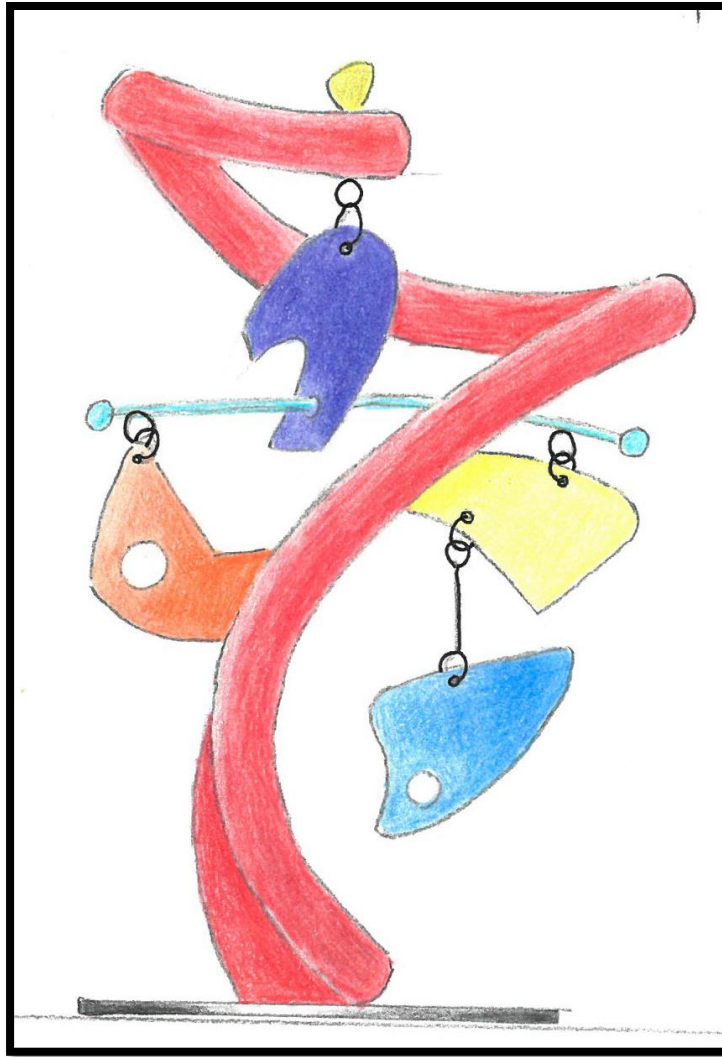
### **BACKGROUND/ANALYSIS:**

In 2016, the Commerce City Council adopted standards requiring and regulating the installation of art in public places. Projects having a total cost of or in excess of two hundred fifty thousand dollars are required to either install a piece of artwork or pay a fee in-lieu thereof. The cost of the artwork or fee contribution must at least be equal to one percent of the total project cost.

Los Angeles County Child Support Services currently operates an office in the City of Commerce at 5770 South Eastern Avenue. Improvements to the building are underway (new partitions, lighting, ceiling, accessibility upgrades, etc.) and the cost of the work subjects the project to the City's AIPP ordinance requirements. Since implementation, applicant's for every other project subject to the AIPP standards have elected to pay the in-lieu fee. These contributions have been placed in a fund that now maintains a balance of \$241,294.88. The proposed artwork at 5770 South Eastern Avenue would be the first piece constructed pursuant to the 2016 requirements adopted by the City.

### **ARTWORK AND ITS ARTIST:**

The proposed art piece is titled Spiral Colors and was created by Mr. Jon Seeman. Per the applicant's submittal, Mr. Seeman "immediately envisioned a design with a playful and uplifting feel that appeals particularly to families, child advocates, who will come into view of the sculpture". The design of the proposed art piece is depicted in the drawing shown below:

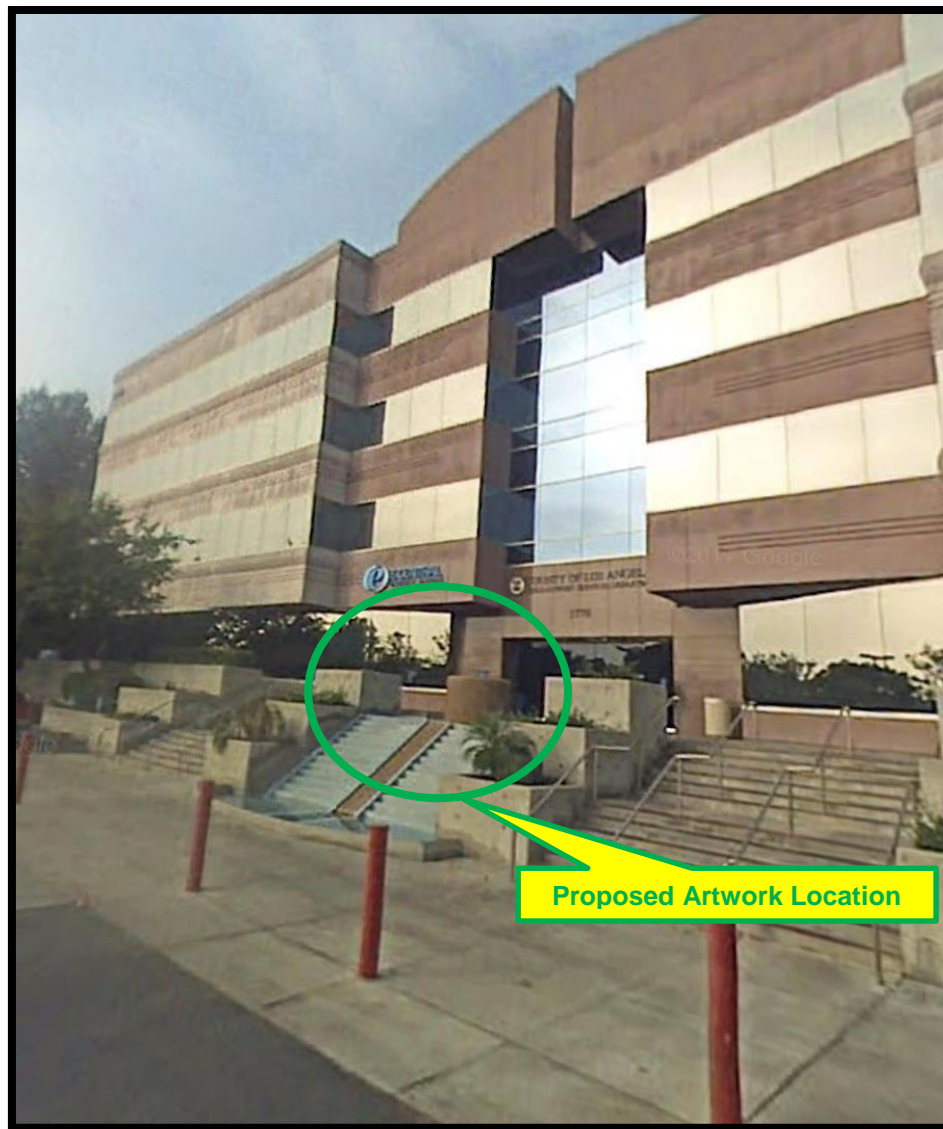


The artwork is proposed to be mounted on a round concrete cylinder and measure approximately six feet in height. It would be constructed of steel and stainless steel with an enamel paint finish. According to the artist, “a spiral form balancing an array of gently rotating, brilliantly colored forms will provide a light-hearted diversion for families who are often visiting the offices feeling emotional or apprehensive. To create a more engaging sculpture, a family of abstract kinetic forms activated by a breeze stirs the imagination”.

The artwork is proposed to be placed near the front entrance of the Child Services building. The property is located at the northeast corner of S. Eastern and Slauson Avenues. It is home to multiple buildings, many of which are used for County services. The site and project location are shown in the images below:







The artist's studio is in Laguna Beach California and Mr. Seeman has produced several pieces as public art commissions. Samples of his work and a list thereof are attached as an exhibit to this report. The artwork will be displayed in an area that is open and freely accessible. The materials to be used for its construction will be of a permanent type in order to be durable against vandalism and the weather. The sculpture will be related in terms of form and content of the use of the building and the artist is experienced in creating art pieces of this type. The property owner will enter into a covenant agreement that will among other things, require proper maintenance of the artwork and holding the city harmless from any and all claims or liabilities arising out of the placement of the artwork.

## **CONCLUSION:**

Staff is recommending adoption of a resolution approving the placement of a piece of public art at 5770 S. Eastern Avenue. The proposal is consistent with the City's AIPP program which was established to provide a collection of nationally recognized, permanent outdoor artwork throughout the City, to be of public benefit. The program is designed to

present the community with a variety of artistic styles and themes, all of the highest possible quality.

**ALTERNATIVES:**

1. Adopt the subject resolution; or
2. Provide staff with further direction

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

Adoption of the subject resolution will not create any fiscal impact.

**RELATIONSHIP TO STRATEGIC GOALS:**

The proposed project is consistent with Economic Growth Guiding Principle 2 of the City's Strategic Action Plan. This Guiding Principle seeks to ensure that the City's development services are continually streamlined, efficient, customer focused and responsive to efficiently support local economic growth.

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Respectfully submitted: Edgar P. Cisneros, City Administrator

**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Resolution
2. AIPP Application