

RESOLUTION NO.

**RESOLUTION APPROVING AN AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE CITY OF  
COMMERCE AND JEROME CASTRO TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ART  
BEAUTIFICATION PILOT PROGRAM**

WHEREAS, on September 20, 2016 the City Council adopted an Art in Public Places (AIPP) Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, City Council determined that public art is a critical element of providing a diverse and culturally rich environment to residents and visitors and enriches the community with aesthetic qualities; and

WHEREAS, Pursuant to the Ordinance, projects with a valuation in excess of \$250,000 are subject to the ordinance and the applicants are either required to install artwork or pay an in-lieu fee. The cost of the artwork or in-lieu fee must be equal to one percent (1%) of the project's valuation; and

WHEREAS, in November 2018, direction was given to staff to initiate a Citywide Art Beautification Program with the purpose of creating a program that will encourage the expeditious deployment of artwork that contributes in activating the public realm, create public art, enhance the public's experience of and appreciation for the arts, and invite economic development through creating and enhancing the community's unique brand; and

WHEREAS, Jerome Castro was selected to assist in creating a series of art pieces within the City of Commerce, and who previously participated in the City's Utility Art Box Program and painted a piece titled "Mariachi" which is located prominently along Telegraph Road, at Gaspar, adjacent to the Double Tree.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COMMERCE DOES  
HEREBY RESOLVE AND ORDER AS FOLLOWS:**

Section 1. The City Council of the City of Commerce hereby finds and declares that the foregoing recitals are true and correct, and incorporates them herein as findings and as a substantive part of this Resolution.

Section 2. Direct staff to enter into a one-time agreement with Jerome Castro and allow for the artist to assist in the deployment of various art pieces as proposed in Exhibit A, attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 17th day of March 2020.

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John Soria, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Lena Shumway, City Clerk