

**RESOLUTION  
REGIONAL PLANNING COMMISSION  
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES**

**WHEREAS**, the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles has conducted a public hearing on April 24, 2019 the matter of amendments to Title 22 (Planning and Zoning) of the Los Angeles County Code establishing the civic art program requiring new commercial and industrial projects to provide or finance civic art; and

**WHEREAS**, the Commission finds as follows:

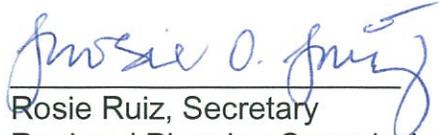
1. Civic art provides significant physical, economic and social benefits to individuals living in, working in, and visiting the unincorporated areas of Los Angeles County. It improves the aesthetics and visual quality of projects, thereby enhancing the built environment. This can result in increased economic vitality of communities and urban revitalization. Civic art also enhances community character and pride, promotes social cohesion and provides a “sense of place”;
2. Thirty-one jurisdictions within Los Angeles County, such as the cities of Beverly Hills, Long Beach, Los Angeles, Pasadena, and Santa Monica, have civic art programs with percent-for-art ordinances. These programs and ordinances have provided significant arts and cultural opportunities for residents and visitors and enhanced the physical, social and economic environment of these municipalities;
3. The County recognizes the importance of civic art and supports the arts through its provision of artistic opportunities of all disciplines and facilities, such as museums and concert halls, for County residents;
4. New development projects impose increased burdens on County resources. Existing arts facilities and services will be increasingly pressured to maintain quality of life and enhance the social, physical and economic environment. It is anticipated that County funding will cover only part of this need for civic art;
5. The purpose of the civic art requirement is to mitigate the added demand on the arts that will result from additional residential, commercial, industrial and public developments;
6. Comparison with other jurisdictions and County services disclosed the need for additional arts financing that the proposed ordinance would provide. Thirty-one cities within the County have already instituted public art requirements to supplement existing general fund outlays for art. In addition, the County arts budget is far less than art allocations of other metropolitan areas;

7. The proposed ordinance provides two options for fulfilling the civic art requirement for all residential, commercial, and industrial projects, with some exemptions: 1) Provide publicly accessible art on or near the project site equal to one percent of the building valuation, or; 2) Pay an in-lieu fee equal to one percent of the building valuation into the Private Development Art Fund;
8. The proposed ordinance applies to residential, commercial and industrial projects which have building valuations over \$750,000. It is also County policy to promote small business retention by starting the valuation high. The decision to exclude affordable housing development was made in consideration of the shortage of affordable housing in the County and the objectives of the General Plan and the Board of Supervisors to reduce residential development costs and government constraints;
9. The proposed amendments are compatible with and are supportive of policies of the Los Angeles General Plan to consider the role of and encourage the use of arts and culture in community-based planning efforts to enhance community character, and promote public art and cultural amenities that support community values and define community context; and
10. The proposed amendment will not foreseeably result in a significant effect on the environment pursuant to the provisions of the California Environmental Quality Act, the CEQA Guidelines and the Los Angeles County Environmental Document Reporting Procedures and Guidelines.

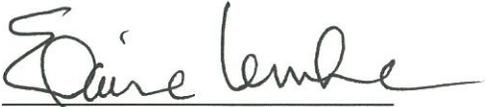
**THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Regional Planning Commission recommend to the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles as follows:

1. That the Board hold a public hearing to consider the proposed amendments to Title 22 of the Los Angeles County Code establishing the civic art program requiring new residential, commercial and industrial projects to provide or finance civic art;
2. That the Board adopt the proposed ordinance containing modifications to Title 22, and determine that it is compatible with and supportive of the goals and policies of the Los Angeles County General Plan; and
3. That the Board find this project is not subject to the California Environmental Quality Act, in that it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the attached proposed ordinance may have a significant effect on the environment.

I hereby certify that the foregoing resolution was adopted by the Regional Planning Commission of the County of Los Angeles on April 24, 2019.

  
Rosie Ruiz, Secretary  
Regional Planning Commission  
County of Los Angeles

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