

CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: October 21, 2025

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Victoria Henkel, Permit Technician
Subject: Approval and Receipt of Upcoming Openings on the Public Arts Committee (PAC) for the term of Dec 31, 2025, through Dec 31, 2029

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RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the City Council authorize City Staff to notice and recruit for the vacancies on the Public Arts Committee.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Public Arts Committee has four members – Barbara Harris, Robert Brent, Jeff Stucker, and Lars Langberg – who will have their terms ending on December 31, 2025. City Staff would like to open recruitment for these vacancies and ensure a smooth transition at the first Public Arts Committee meeting in 2026.

BACKGROUND AND DISCUSSION:

The Public Arts Committee was created by the City Council. Terms of office are four-year staggered terms, and the upcoming opening term will last until December 31st, 2029. Listed below are the upcoming vacancies:

a) Upcoming Vacancies on the Public Arts Committee (PAC)

Name:	Category:	Term ending date:
Barbara Harris	Category 1	December 31, 2025
Robert Brent	Category 2	December 31, 2025
Jeff Stucker	Category 3	December 31, 2025
Lars Langberg	Category 4	December 31, 2025

Preference will be shown to City residents and persons who own a business or work in the City; however, qualified candidates from the greater Sebastopol and Sonoma County area will be considered. The City Council will consider the following categories:

1. Active members of a City-based, art focused, registered nonprofit organization, entity or facility.
2. Persons with experience in the public art field as either an artist, installer or designer.
3. Members of the general public.
4. A member of the Design Review Board.

The current Public Arts Committee terms/categories are listed below (upcoming vacancies are highlighted):

MEMBERS	CATEGORY	TERM ENDING DATE
Gavin Waters	2	December 31, 2028
Barbara Harris	1	December 31, 2025
Robert Brent	2	December 31, 2025
Jeff Stucker	3	December 31, 2025
Lars Langberg	4	December 31, 2025

City Staff will initiate the public application process for the vacancies. Applications will be available on the City website and at City Hall. Notice of the vacancies will be published, and the application period will be open for approximately six weeks. Staff would agendize the interviews and appointments for a future City Council meeting after the application deadline.

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends recruitment for these vacancies.

COMMUNITY OUTREACH:

This item has been noticed in accordance with the Ralph M. Brown Act and was available for public viewing and review at least 72 hours prior to scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

The cost to publish one (1) vacancy notice in the *Press Democrat* ranges from \$295.00 to \$343.00. This amount includes one (1) hour of staff time for preparing the notice and posting it to all applicable locations. The expense is currently budgeted in the adopted FY 2025–2026 budget.

RESTATED MOTION:

That the City Council authorize City Staff to notice and recruit for the vacancies on the Public Arts Committee.

OPTIONS:

1. That the City Council not authorize the recruitment, thus leaving the positions vacant; this is not recommended.

ATTACHMENTS:

None.

APPROVALS:

Department Head Approval: Approval Date: 10/14/2025

CEQA Determination (Planning): Approval Date: 10/7/2025

The proposed action is not a project under the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA)

Administrative Services (Financial) Approval Date: 10/14/2025

Costs authorized in City Approved Budget: ☒ Yes ☐ No ☐ N/A

Account Code (if applicable) 100-21-02-4250-000-000000-000

City Attorney Approval: Approval Date: N/A

City Manager Approval: Approval Date: 10/14/2025