



City of Sebastopol

**CITY OF SEBASTOPOL CITY COUNCIL
AGENDA ITEM REPORT FOR MEETING OF: June 16, 2026**

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To: Honorable Mayor and City Councilmembers
From: Victoria Henkel, Permit Technician
Responsible Department: Planning
Subject: Public Arts Committee Appointment

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RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council considers appointment to the single open position on the Public Arts Committee based on the interview conducted earlier in the agenda. The opening term will last until December 31st, 2029.

PROCESS OF AGENDA ITEM:

- Agenda item is opened
- Council questions and discussion
- Public comment
- Council deliberation and action

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

The Council has interviewed the single applicant for the one vacancy on the Public Arts Committee. The applicant – Don Greenberg – fits the vacant position that is currently open.

BACKGROUND:

The Public Arts Committee meets on the fourth Thursday every other month from 1:00 p.m. to 2:50 p.m. in the Sebastopol City Hall Conference Room on 7120 Bodega Ave, Sebastopol, CA. Terms of office are four-year staggered terms, and the opening term will last until December 31st, 2029.

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

Current Public Arts Committee terms/categories are listed below (vacancies are highlighted)

MEMBERS	CATEGORY	TERM ENDING DATE
Vacant	Category 1	12/31/2029
Robert Brent	Category 2	12/31/2029
Gavin Waters	Category 2	12/31/2028
Nicole Letaw	Category 3	12/31/2029
Lynn Deedler (DRB)	Category 4	Upon expiration of DRB term



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DISCUSSION:

The City Council conducted one interview earlier in the evening for consideration of appointment for the current opening on the Public Arts Committee:

APPLICANTS	CATEGORY
Don Greenberg	Category 1

STAFF ANALYSIS:

Staff recommends that Council appoint the applicant to the Public Arts Committee, dependent on the interview that occurred previously on the agenda, and fill the vacancy.

CITY COUNCIL GOALS / PRIORITIES / GENERAL PLAN CONSISTENCY:

Goal 4: High-Performance Organization

Restoring public trust through transparent and inclusive processes

Improving public communications and community engagement

General Plan Goal CD 4: Support Art of All Types Throughout the Community

Policy CD 4-5: Utilize the Public Arts Committee to provide leadership in the arts community to:

- Implement the City’s public art goals
- Establish cooperative partnerships with private, public, and educational agencies
- Increase art awareness throughout the city
- Develop funding opportunities for public art
- Explore opportunities to expand community arts participation
- Explore opportunities to promote arts education and participation in local schools

PUBLIC COMMENT:

As of the writing of this staff report, the City has not received any public comment. However, if staff receives public comment from interested parties following the publication and distribution of this staff report, such comments will be provided to the City Council as supplemental materials before or at the meeting. In addition, public comments may be offered during the public comment portion of the agenda item.

PUBLIC NOTICE:

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 the scheduled meeting date.

FISCAL IMPACT:

There is no direct fiscal impact associated with the recommended action tonight.

RESTATED RECOMMENDATION:

That the Council considers appointment to the single open position on the Public Arts Committee based on the interview conducted earlier in the agenda. The opening term will last until December 31st, 2029.

OPTIONS:

1. If the Council chooses not to make an appointment from the interview conducted earlier in the agenda, the Council can direct staff to reopen the application period for the openings on the Public Arts Committee.

ATTACHMENT(S):

None

