



## COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS

### AGENDA

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2025

## COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS REGULAR MEETING – 4:30 PM

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AGENDA

CIVIC CENTER MEETING HALL  
WILLIAM M. MENDENHALL COMMUNITY ROOM  
1016 S. LIVERMORE AVENUE

Laurence E Milder, Chair  
Natalia T Custodio, Vice Chair  
Tauheeda Babar, Commissioner  
Cathleen deOrnelas, Commissioner  
Thomasin J Dewhurst, Commissioner  
Robert Gausman, Commissioner  
Rajagopal R Kowligi, Commissioner  
Monya Lane, Commissioner  
Tracy Sahn, Commissioner

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

Commissioner Tauheeda Babar  
Commissioner Cathleen deOrnelas  
Commissioner Thomasin J Dewhurst  
Commissioner Robert Gausman  
Commissioner Rajagopal R Kowligi  
Commissioner Monya Lane  
Commissioner Tracy Sahn  
Vice Chair Natalia Custudio  
Chair Laurence E Milder

**3. OPEN FORUM**

- In conformance with the Brown Act, no Commission for the Arts action can occur on items presented during Open Forum.
- To provide public comment, please submit a speaker card. When your name is called, walk to the lectern to address the Commission.
- Comments are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person, per item. The Chair may reduce the amount of time based on the number of persons wishing to speak.
- Open Forum will conclude after 30 minutes; however, if there are additional speakers, Open Forum will reconvene after Matters for Consideration.

**4. CONSENT CALENDAR**

Consent Calendar items are considered routine and are acted upon by the Commission with a single action. Members of the audience wishing to provide public input must submit a speaker card.

4.1 Approval of Draft Minutes - September 30, 2025, Commission for the Arts Special Meeting

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts approve the draft minutes.

**Attachments:**

[1. DRAFT Commission for the Arts - September 30, 2025 - Special Meeting Minutes](#)

**5. MATTERS FOR CONSIDERATION**

5.1 Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee to Review Mini Grant Applications.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc committee to review Mini Grant applications received by the December 1, 2025, cycle deadline.

**Staff Report**

5.2 Recommendation that the City Council approve the Draft Commission for the Arts Rules of Procedure

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts review the Draft Rules of Procedure and recommend adoption by City Council.

**Staff Report**

**Attachments:**

- 1. [Draft Commission for the Arts Rules of Procedure Update](#)

- 5.3 Discussion and direction regarding the Project and Program Grant Review Ad Hoc Committee's funding recommendation to the Commission for the Arts and to City Council.

**Recommendation:**

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts receive an oral report from the Project and Program Grants ad hoc committee, review and discuss the ad hoc committee's funding recommendation, determine the appropriate level of funding, and vote to approve recommendation of the following Project & Program grant application to the City Council:

- 1. Shruti Abhishek Dance - Free Cultural and Education Program for Youth - \$10,000 requested/\$4,000 initially recommended by the ad hoc committee

**Staff Report**

**Attachments:**

- 1. [Shruti Abhishek Dance - Redacted Application](#)
- 2. [Project and Program Grant Applications Presentation \(previously provided during the September 30, 2025, special meeting\)](#)

**6. COMMITTEE REPORTS AND MATTERS INITIATED BY STAFF AND COMMISSIONERS**

**7. ADJOURNMENT**

To a special Commission for the Arts meeting on Tuesday, November 18, 2025 at 4:30 pm, Civic Center Meeting Hall, William M. Mendenhall Community Room, 1016 S. Livermore Avenue.

**8. HOW TO PARTICIPATE IN THE COMMISSION MEETING**

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**Open Forum** is an opportunity for the public to speak regarding items not listed on the agenda. Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To address the Commission, you must submit a speaker card to the liaison prior to the start of that item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

Other Agenda Items are also open for public input including Consent Calendar or Matters for Consideration items. These comments are also subject to the 3-minute limit.

**Submission of Comments Prior to the Meeting:**

**Email Comments** may be submitted by the public to the Commission for the Arts Liaison ([arts@LivermoreCA.gov](mailto:arts@LivermoreCA.gov)). Items received no later than 12:00 pm on the day of the meeting will be provided to the Commission and available on the City website prior to the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record.

**eComments** may be submitted by the public using the eComment link [here](#). Comments may be up to 1000 characters in length and will be accepted up until 3:30 pm the day of the meeting. These items will NOT be read into the record and are viewable by the Commission and the public upon submittal.

### **Submission of Comments During the Meeting:**

Speakers are limited to a maximum of 3 minutes per person. To submit a comment, you must complete a speaker card for each item. Speaker cards are available in the Civic Center Meeting Hall lobby. Indicate on the card the item number you wish to comment on and submit the card directly to the liaison prior to the start of the item. You should be aware that the Commission is prohibited by State law from taking action on any items that are not listed on the agenda. However, if your item requires action, the Commission may place it on a future agenda or direct staff to work with you and/or report to the Commission on the issue.

If you would like to deliver written materials to the Commission for the Arts as part of your public comments, please provide 12 copies to the liaison with your speaker card.

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