



# CITY OF SAN MATEO

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## Agenda Report

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**TO:** City Council  
**FROM:** Christina Horrisberger, Interim City Manager  
**PREPARED BY:** Community Development Department  
**MEETING DATE:** July 17, 2023  
**SUBJECT:**  
Racial Equity Art Project – Agreement

### RECOMMENDATION:

Approve an agreement with Rafael Blanco for the Racial Equity Art Project to be painted on the Pedestrian Mall in the amount not to exceed \$200,000 and authorize the City Manager to execute the agreement in substantially the form presented.

### BACKGROUND:

On June 20, 2023, City Council approved Rafael Blanco to be the artist for the Racial Equity Art Project and delegated the Civic Arts Committee to work with Mr. Blanco for revisions and expansion of the design and then approve the final design. Mr. Blanco's original proposal, "Cultural Pattern", reflected a length of 75 feet on one block of the B Street Pedestrian Mall. He has agreed to expand the mural to cover both blocks of the Pedestrian Mall. This will consist of Block A being 2<sup>nd</sup> to 3<sup>rd</sup> Aves, and Block B being 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> Ave. There will be reserves of 30' of unpainted area at each end of the blocks, allowing for 240 feet per block, for a combined length of 480 feet. With the direction previously provided by the City Council and direction from the Civic Arts Committee, the final design will require revisions and accordingly, the project budget has been revised from the original proposal. Installation is scheduled for October 2023.

### BUDGET IMPACT:

The Arts in Public Places (AiPP) Fund balance has \$500,000 allocated to the program, which will be used to fund the Racial Equity Art Project's \$200,000 budget.

### ENVIRONMENTAL DETERMINATION:

This project is categorically exempt from environmental review pursuant to CEQA Guidelines Section 15301 (existing facilities) because it consists of the repair, maintenance, and/or minor alteration of an existing public facility (B Street Pedestrian mall) with no expansion of use.

### NOTICE PROVIDED

All meeting noticing requirements were met.

### ATTACHMENTS

Att 1 - Agreement

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