



## ARTS COMMISSION RECOMMENDATION 20171120-6.a.v

Date: December 1, 2017

Subject: Recommendation to request a listing of available City owned vacant or underutilized properties and buildings

Motioned By: Commissioner Willenzik

Seconded By: Vice Chair Polgar

### **Recommendation**

*We urge the Council to request from the Real Estate Department or other appropriate Department(s) to provide a list of any City-owned vacant or underutilized properties and buildings.*

### **Description of Recommendation to Council**

*After hearing from multiple art groups who appeared before us and gave input about the impending loss of their art spaces, the Arts Commission once again discussed the status of arts venue crisis at our meeting on November 20, 2017. The Arts Commission voted to once more recommend that Council request a listing of all of the vacant or underutilized City owned properties and buildings so that the Commission, Council and public stakeholders can seek out appropriate properties that may be repurposed for the use as an arts facility.*

### **Rationale:**

*After not having received a response or action after our previous request of May 17, 2017, as well as learning another Commission's request and community requests for this information have been disregarded, we are once more urging Council to act on this item. With the ongoing venue crisis becoming even more critical by the day, the Arts Commission feels that it is imperative that the City partner with community stakeholders to seek out short, medium and potential long term solutions to help alleviate the arts venue crisis through the study of possible city-owned properties.*

### **Vote**

For:	Against:	Abstain:	Absent:
Alissa McCain (District 1)	None	None	Amy Wong Mok (District 10)
Jaime Castillo (District 2)			
Felipe Garza (District 3)			
Brett Barnes (District 4)			
Bruce Willenzik (District 5)			
Bears Fonte (District 6)			
Krissi Reeves (District 7)			
Chris Bryan (District 8)			
Lulu Flores (District 9)			
Michelle Polgar (Mayor)			

Attest: Anne-Marie McKaskle-Davis, Arts Commission Staff Liaison