



# Commission for Arts and Culture

## CITY OF SAN DIEGO COMMISSION FOR ARTS AND CULTURE AGENDA

**Friday, April 25, 2025 | 1:30 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.**

San Diego School of Creative and Performing Arts (SDSCPA)  
2425 Dusk Drive, San Diego, CA 92139

**Room 129**

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1:30 p.m.	I.	Call to Order & Statement of Purpose+Vision	Ann Bossler, Chair
1:32 p.m.	II.	Non-agenda Public Comment	Ann Bossler, Chair
1:35 p.m.	III.	Chair's Reports	Ann Bossler, Chair
		a. <b>ACTION</b> – January 24, 2025 and February 24, 2025 Commission Meeting Minutes	
		b. <b>ACTION</b> –Approval of Commissioner and Community Member Appointments to the Creative City Ad Hoc Committee, and Commissioner Removal and/or Appointment to the Public Art and Advocacy & Outreach Committees	
		c. Other Reports	
1:50 p.m.	IV.	Presentation – Update on Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS) Funding   Bob Lehman, Executive Director, San Diego Museum Council	Ann Bossler, Chair
2:15 p.m.	V.	Committee Reports	Tyler Hewes, Committee Chair
		a. Funding Committee – <b>ACTION</b> – Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Ranks	
		b. Public Art Committee	Keith Opstad, Committee Chair
		c. Advocacy & Outreach Committee	Becky Phillpott, Committee Chair
		d. Creative City Ad Hoc Committee	Kamaal Martin, Committee Chair
2:45 p.m.	VI.	Staff Reports	Jonathon Glus, Chief of Cultural Affairs
		a. Overview of the Fiscal Year 2026 Budget Development Process	
		b. Timeline for Future Grantmaking Strategy	

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3:00 p.m.	VII.	New Business for Future Agendas	Ann Bossler, Chair
3:15 p.m.	VIII.	Commissioner Visits – What arts, culture and creative experiences have you had this month	Ann Bossler, Chair
3:30 p.m.	IX.	Adjourn	Ann Bossler, Chair

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## MINUTES

January 24, 2025

Hyperlink to view full meeting available [here](#).

### Commissioners Present

Ann Bossler, Chair  
Tyler Hewes, Vice Chair  
Kamaal Martin  
Keith Opstad  
Lee Ann Kim  
Imani Robinson  
Fritz Friedman  
Dennis Doan  
Becky Phillpott  
Abe Hughes  
Alessandra Moctezuma

### Commissioners Absent

Udoka Nwanna  
Dajahn Blevins  
Alberto Pulido

### Staff Present

Jonathon Glus  
Christine E. Jones  
Charles Miller  
Olivia Jones

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- I. **Call to Order & Statement of Purpose & Vision | [View Here](#)** – Chair Ann Bossler called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture online meeting to order at 1:30 p.m.
- II. **Non-agenda Public Comment | [View Here](#)**
- III. **Chair's Reports | [View Here](#)**
- A. **ACTION** – November 22, 2024 Commission Meeting and December 18, 2024 Creative City Workshop Meeting Minutes  
**Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to approve, Commissioner Abe Hughes seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
  - B. **ACTION** – Charter for Creative City Ad-Hoc Committee; Name Change for Policy & Funding Committee; and Disband Commissioner Engagement Ad-Hoc Committee  
**Commissioner Fritz Friedman made a motion to approve, Commissioner Imani Robinson seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
  - C. Other Reports

- IV. Committee Reports | [View Here](#)
- A. Policy & Funding Committee – **ACTION** – Slate of Commission Advisory Panelist Candidates to Evaluate Proposals Submitted in Response to the Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Application, Part 2  
**Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to approve, Commissioner Kamaal Martin seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
  - B. Public Art Committee – **ACTION** – Artist Selection Panelists for the Ward Canyon Park Public Art Project  
**Commissioner Imani Robinson made a motion to approve, Commissioner Lee Ann Kim seconded the motion. The motion passed.**
  - C. Advocacy & Outreach Committee
  - D. Commissioner Engagement Ad Hoc Committee
- V. Director's Report's | [View Here](#)  
Director Jonathon Glus provided an overview of current projects.
- VIII. Adjourn – Meeting was adjourned at 3:27 p.m.



# Commission for Arts and Culture

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## MINUTES

February 24, 2025

Hyperlink to view full meeting available [here](#).

### Commissioners Present

Ann Bossler, Chair  
Tyler Hewes, Vice Chair  
Kamaal Martin  
Keith Opstad  
Imani Robinson  
Fritz Friedman  
Dajahn Blevins  
Becky Phillpott  
Abe Hughes  
Alberto Pulido  
Alessandra Moctezuma  
Chris Chalupsky

### Commissioners Absent

Udoka Nwanna  
Lee Ann Kim  
Dennis Doan

### Staff Present

Jonathon Glus  
Christine E. Jones  
Charles Miller  
Bell Reza  
Olivia Jones  
Lara Bullock  
Gabrielle Romberger

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- I. **Call to Order & Statement of Purpose & Vision** | [View Here](#) – Chair Ann Bossler called the City of San Diego Commission for Arts and Culture online meeting to order at 4:00 p.m.
  - II. **ACTION - Suspend the Rule Whereby the Executive Committee Sets the Agenda for the February 24 2025 Commission Meeting** | [View Here](#)  
Commissioner Tyler Hewes made a motion to approve, Commissioner Alessandra Moctezuma seconded the motion. The motion passed.
  - III. **Non-agenda Public Comment** | [View Here](#)
  - IV. **City of San Diego Creative City Cultural Plan – Planning Recap and Year One Implementation** | [View Here](#)
  - V. **Adjourn** 6:00p



# Commission for Arts and Culture

## CHAIR'S REPORT

DATE ISSUED: April 25, 2025

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

CONTACT: Ann Bossler, Commission Chair

SUBJECT: Appointment of Creative City Ad Hoc Committee

REFERENCES: [Commission's Rules and Regulations, September 23, 2016](#)

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### ACTION REQUESTED:

Approve the appointment of Commissioners Kamaal (Chair), Imani (Vice Chair), Chris Chalupsky, Abe Hughes, and Alessandra Moctezuma for the first one-year term as four of up to nine members of the Creative City Committee (CCC), and Linda Sotello Caballero, Justine Murray, and Rich Magale for the first one-year term as three of up to four Community Representatives.

### SUMMARY:

To advance the implementation of the 10-year Creative City cultural plan, the Commission Chair has established an ad hoc Creative City Committee. The purpose of the committee is to advise the Commission on the plan's implementation, including guidance on proposed program policies, engagement with external stakeholders, and contribution to the annual implementation report and public meeting.

### Biography for the Creative City Ad Hoc Committee Community Member Appointees:

**Linda Caballero Sotelo** is Executive Director of the New Americans Museum and Immigration Learning Center, and a first-generation immigrant from Tijuana, Mexico. With over two decades of experience across corporate, public, and nonprofit sectors, she is a champion of immigrant integration, cultural preservation, and civic engagement.

She has led major binational initiatives like the US/Mexico art project *INSITE*, and served in leadership roles with the San Diego County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and the San Diego Workforce Partnership. She co-founded San Diegans United for Commonsense Immigration Reform and serves on boards including the Balboa Park Trust and San Diego Media Arts Center.

Caballero Sotelo holds an MPA from Harvard University and a public policy degree from the London School of Economics. She is also a Research Fellow at Harvard's Cultural Agents Initiative. Her work has earned recognition from NAWBO and KPBS among others.

**Rich Magale** is a creator, community builder, and social entrepreneur, and the Founder & CEO of DREAMS+DUCATS, an organization focused on evolving learning alongside community and culture. With a background in government defense, Rich transitioned to nonprofit leadership, where he works to forge authentic connections between classrooms, careers, communities, and culture. He partners with youth, creatives, organizational leaders, and educators to create human-centered solutions that drive change and lasting impact. Rich is passionate about advancing global systems to evolve equitably and meet modern societal needs.

**Justine Murray**, a native San Diegan from Rancho Peñasquitos, began working at the San Diego City Council in 2017. She served as Deputy Chief of Staff and Policy Director for Councilmember Raul Campillo, overseeing the policy team and leading legislative efforts for District 7 and the City of San Diego. She has championed initiatives such as expanding parental benefits for City employees,

promoting affordable childcare, reducing taxes on cannabis production, and co-authoring a ballot measure securing state infrastructure funding.

Prior to this, Justine served as Policy Advisor and Community Representative for Councilmember Barbara Bry. She holds a Bachelor's in History with a minor in Political Science from UC San Diego and earned her Master of Public Administration from San Diego State University in 2024, receiving several accolades including Outstanding Graduate and the School of Public Affairs Outstanding Capstone Award. Justine is a member of Pi Alpha Alpha, the International Honor Society for Public Affairs and Administration.

**2024 COMMISSION COMMITTEE  
ASSIGNMENTS**

COMMITTEE	OFFICERS	COMMISSIONERS	COMMUNITY MEMBERS
<b>EXECUTIVE</b> (Standing)	<b>Chair:</b> Ann Bossler <b>Vice Chair:</b> Tyler Hewes	(Min: 5 - Max: 7)  Keth Opstad Fritz Friedman Becky Phillpott	N/A
<b>Funding</b> (Standing)	<b>Chair:</b> Tyler Hewes <b>Vice Chair:</b> Lee Ann Kim	(Min: 5 - Max: 7)  Kamaal Martin Alberto Lopez Pulido Keith Opstad Abe Hughes	N/A
<b>Public Art</b> (Standing)	<b>Chair:</b> Keith Opstad <b>Vice Chair:</b> Fritz Friedman	(Min: 3 - Max: <b>5</b> )  Alessandra Moctezuma Imani Robinson Dennis Doan	(Total Req'd: 6) Wayne Holtan Francisco Morales Denise Rogers Andrew Alcasid Amy Sanchez Arteaga Rachel Jans
<b>Advocacy &amp; Outreach</b> (Standing)	<b>Chair:</b> Becky Phillpott <b>Vice Chair:</b> Dajahn Blevins	(Min: 5 - Max: 7)  Alberto Lopez Pulido Kamaal Martin Imani Robinson Udoka Nwanna	(Total Allowed: Unlimited)
<b>Creative City</b> (Ad Hoc)	<b>Chair:</b> Kamaal Martin <b>Vice Chair:</b> Imani Robinson	(Min: 5)  Abe Hughes Alessandra Moctezuma Chris Chalupsky	(Total Allowed 4)  Linda Caballero Sotello Justine Murray Rich Magale

Pursuant to the Commission for Arts and Culture's *Rules and Regulations*, the Commission Chair will cause the functions, structures, memberships, and officers of the Commission's committees to be reviewed, updated, and approved by the Commission. The Commission Chair will nominate for Commission approval the members and officers of each committee. Efforts have been made to appoint each Commissioner to a committee, committees, and/or other assignments of her/his preference, including leadership positions. Each Commissioner has been assigned to at least one committee.





## COMMITTEE REPORT

DATE ISSUED: April 22, 2025

ATTENTION: Commission for Arts and Culture

SUBJECT: Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Ranks

REFERENCES: 1. List of FY26 Organizational Support Program Applicants and Ranks  
2. List of FY26 Creative Communities San Diego Applicants and Ranks

STAFF CONTACT: Olivia Jones, Senior Arts and Culture Funding Manager

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### **COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION**

Recommend to the City of San Diego Mayor and City Council the proposal ranks for fiscal year 2026, as follows:

1. Recommend proposal ranks for Organizational Support Program, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels.
2. Recommend proposal ranks for Creative Communities San Diego, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels.

### **BACKGROUND**

The City of San Diego (City) issued the Part 1 Application for Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) funding categories during October 2024. Two hundred twenty-two (222) organizations applied in response to the Part 1 Application. Of those applicants, two hundred seventeen (217) were deemed qualified to advance to the subsequent Part 2 application stage. Qualified applicants with an agreement with the City for Fiscal Year 2025 OSP and CCSD funding were able to elect between submitting a Part 2 Application proposal and requesting that the City exercise the Option to Renew their agreement. The value to an existing OSP or CCSD agreement holder in submitting a Part 2 Application is that the organization can update or refine organizational details such as program details and compete for a higher score than achieved in the past. In total, one hundred and fifteen (115) eligible proposals were submitted in response to the Part 2 Application, and seventy-five (75) applicants requested and were granted the Option to Renew. Organizations who were granted the Option to Renew retain their ratified rank from the previous year. Twenty-seven (27) organizations did not cure deficiencies or submit a complete Part 2 Application.

In January 2025, the Commission for Arts and Culture (Commission) appointed Commission Advisory Panels (CAP) to participate in the review of proposals received by the City for the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP and CCSD funding categories. Over a three-week period, the CAP convened in thirteen (13) separate public meetings. Each panel evaluated a specific group of

proposals using standard criteria and scoring. The panels also included a process allowing applicants to address the panel at two prescribed intervals—prior to and following the panel discussion of applicant proposals. After evaluation of all proposals and scoring, each CAP voted to recommend ranks for their specific group of proposals. The lists included with this report show all qualified applicants, including the recommended ranks provided by the Fiscal Year 2026 CAPs and ranks retained by applicants who were granted the Option to Renew.

As stated in the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP Funding Guidelines and Fiscal Year 2026 CCSD Funding Guidelines, any organization who received a rank of 2+ or below will be deemed "not aligned with scoring criteria" and will not be recommended to receive an award. Per the guidelines: "Any applicant not recommended to receive an award may submit a written appeal to staff no later than 5:00 p.m. on the tenth calendar day following notification from staff to the applicant that no award is being recommended." Staff did not receive any appeals.

On April 11, 2025, the Funding Committee voted (4,0,0) recommended that the Commission recommend to the City of San Diego Mayor and City Council the proposal ranks for fiscal year 2026, as follows: 1. Recommend proposal ranks for Organizational Support Program, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels; and 2. Recommend proposal ranks for Creative Communities San Diego, as submitted by Commission Advisory Panels. Commissioner Kamaal Martin recused himself from voting due to a disclosed conflict of interest.

### **NEXT STEPS**

Following the Commission's recommendation of the Part 2 Application proposal ranks to the Mayor and City Council. Staff will use recommended ranks as one factor in the calculation of each applicant's award amount. Using the standard award algorithm as stated in the Fiscal Year 2026 OSP Funding Guidelines and Fiscal Year 2026 CCSD Funding Guidelines, any organization who received a rank of 2+ or below, will not be recommended for funding. Final award amounts will be announced by June 30, 2025, all contingent on available funds in the adopted Fiscal Year 2026 City budget.

**Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP)  
and Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Recommended Ranks**

<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) Panel Recommended Ranks</b>	
Pacific Arts Movement	4
San Diego Youth Symphony and Conservatory	4
transcendANCE Youth Arts Project	4
Voices of Our City Choir Inc	4
Art of Elan	4-
ArtReach	4-
Arts Education Connection San Diego	4-
Blindspot Collective	4-
Center for World Music	4-
Centro Cultural De La Raza, Inc	4-
Culture Shock Dance Troupe Inc	4-
DISCO RIOT	4-
Fern Street Community Arts Inc	4-
Gaslamp Quarter Historical Foundation	4-
Guitars in the Classroom	4-
Isadoranow Foundation	4-
Japanese Friendship Garden	4-
La Jolla Historical Society	4-
La Jolla Music Society	4-
Lambda Archives of San Diego	4-
Lao Community Cultural Center of San Diego	4-
Lawrence Family Jewish Community Centers of San Diego County	4-
Malashock Dance and Company	4-
Mojalet Dance Collective	4-
MOXIE Theatre, Inc.	4-
Opera Neo	4-
Outside the Lens	4-
Persian Cultural Center	4-
Playwrights Project	4-
Project BLANK	4-
Resounding Joy, Inc.	4-
Reuben H. Fleet Science Center	4-
Revision Project Inc.	4-
SACRA/PROFANA	4-
San Diego Automotive Museum Inc.	4-
San Diego Civic Youth Ballet Inc	4-
San Diego Collaborative Arts Project	4-
San Diego Dance Theater	4-

San Diego Early Music Society	4-
San Diego Historical Society	4-
San Diego Jazz Ventures Inc.	4-
San Diego Junior Theatre	4-
San Diego Museum Council Inc.	4-
San Diego Museum of Art	4-
San Diego Museum of Man dba Museum of Us	4-
SO SAY WE ALL	4-
Tap Fever Studios	4-
The AjA Project	4-
The Rosin Box Project Inc.	4-
The San Diego Symphony Orchestra Association	4-
Trinity One Theatre Troupe Inc.	4-
Unscripted Learning	4-
Vanguard Culture	4-
Cygnat Theatre Company	3+
DanzArts	3+
Loud Fridge Theatre Group	3+
Otic Theater Collective Inc	3+
San Diego Archaeological Center	3+
San Diego Comic Convention	3+
San Diego Filipino Cinema	3+
Scripps Ranch Theatre	3+
The House of China	3+
The San Diego Society of Natural History dba San Diego Natural History Museum	3+
Backyard Renaissance Theatre Company	3
Music Company Tmc	3
San Diego Musical Theatre	3
The Roustabouts	3

<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Panel Recommended Ranks</b>	
A Reason to Survive	4-
Adams Avenue Business Association Inc	4-
Alliance Francaise De San Diego	4-
Armed Services YMCA of the USA	4-
BIPOC Support Foundation	4-
Black San Diego Empowering Our Community dba Black San Diego	4-
Bocon Inc.	4-
Boys & Girls Clubs of Northwest San Diego	4-
California Lawyers for the Arts Inc.	4-
City Heights Community Development Corporation	4-
Contact Arts dba San Diego Fringe Festival	4-
Creative Engagement dba Blanket Sounds	4-
Dreams & Ducats	4-
Educreate	4-
Friends of International Friendship Park Inc	4-
Generation STEAM	4-
Gray Area Foundation for the Arts	4-
Indian Fine Arts Academy of San Diego	4-
Installation Gallery	4-
Joyce Kushner dba Tiltshift Dance	4-
Karama	4-
KPBS	4-
Nadia Arambula, Inc. dba Ballet Folklorico	4-
Olongapo Disco	4-
Rock N Roll Camp for Girls San Diego	4-
San Diego Alpha Foundation	4-
San Diego American Indian Health Center	4-
San Diego Art Matters	4-
San Diego Audubon Society	4-
San Diego Diplomacy Council	4-
San Diego LGBT Pride	4-
San Diego Made	4-
San Diego State University Foundation	4-
Sisters Of St. James Productions	4-
T3 Triple Threat Youth Mentors	4-
The High Steppers Drill Team Inc.	4-
Tuyo Theatre Inc.	4-
Via International	4-
Vietnamese American Youth Alliance Corp	4-
Central San Diego Black Chamber of Commerce Education Foundation	3+
FUNDSTUME	3+

Ilan-Lael, Inc.	3+
Mandate Project Impact Inc.	3+
RISE San Diego	3+
Spirit of the Fourth Inc.	3+
The San Diego River Park Foundation	3+
Asian Story Theater Incorporated	3
Particle FM	3

Fiscal Year 2026 Organizational Support Program (OSP) Renewed Ranks	
Diversionsary Theatre Productions Inc	4
Youth Philharmonic Orchestra	4
Bach Collegium San Diego	4-
Balboa Art Conservation Center	4-
Balboa Park Cultural Partnership	4-
Balboa Park Online Collaborative Inc	4-
Choral Consortium of San Diego	4-
City Ballet Inc	4-
Classics for Kids Inc	4-
Encore Vocal Ensemble of San Diego Inc	4-
La Jolla Symphony and Chorus Association	4-
MAINLY MOZART INC	4-
Maritime Museum Association of San Diego	4-
Media Arts Center San Diego	4-
Mingei International Inc	4-
Museum of Contemporary Art San Diego	4-
New Americans Museum Inc	4-
NTC Foundation	4-
Old Globe Theatre	4-
Prophet World Beat Productions	4-
San Diego Air & Space Museum	4-
San Diego Children's Choir	4-
San Diego Gay Men's Chorus, Inc	4-
San Diego Master Chorale Inc	4-
San Diego Opera Association	4-
San Diego Watercolor Society	4-
San Diego Young Artists Music Academy Inc	4-
Save Our Heritage Organisation	4-
Southern California Ballet Inc	4-
Space 4 Art Inc	4-
Spreckels Organ Society	4-
The Italian Cultural Center of San Diego	4-
The Library Association of La Jolla	4-
The New Children's Museum	4-
The Putnam Foundation dba Timken Museum of Art	4-
The San Diego Model Railroad Museum Inc	4-
Theatre and Arts Foundation of San Diego County	4-
Villa Musica	4-
Visions Museum of Textile Art	4-
WHEELCHAIRDANCERS.ORG	4-
Women's History Reclamation Project	4-

Write Out Loud	4-
Camarada Inc	3+
Hausmann Quartet Foundation	3+
San Diego Architectural Foundation	3+
San Diego Art Institute	3+
San Diego Ballet	3+
San Diego Chinese Historical Society and Museum	3+
San Diego Chorus Chapter of Sweet	3+
San Diego Urban Warriors	3+
Westwind Brass Inc	3+
San Diego Writers Ink	3



<b>Fiscal Year 2026 Creative Communities San Diego (CCSD) Renewed Ranks</b>	
Cooper Family Foundation	4
The Mariachi Scholarship Foundation	4
Asian Culture and Media Alliance Inc	4-
BEST PRACTICE	4-
Casa Familiar Inc	4-
COTA Collaborations Teachers and Artists Inc.	4-
La Maestra Family Clinic Inc	4-
Media Heritage Inc	4-
Monarch School Project	4-
Mother Sponge Inc. dba Set + Drift	4-
Musicians for Education Inc	4-
Ocean Beach Merchants Association Inc	4-
Rolando Community Council, Inc	4-
Saikat	4-
San Diego Film Foundation	4-
San Diego Parks Foundation	4-
Sherman Heights Community Center Corporation	4-
Teatro Mascara Magica	4-
VAPA Foundation	4-
Italian American Art and Culture	3+
Linda Vista Multi-Cultural Fair Inc	3+
Pacific Beach Community Development Corp	3+
The Bon Temps Social Club of San Diego	3+