



County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors

Agenda Item Submittal

From: Parks, Open Spaces, and Cultural Services

Subject: Arts by-laws

Meeting Date: January 28, 2025

Formal Title: Approve revised bylaws of the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission

Recommended Actions

Approve revised bylaws of the Santa Cruz County Arts Commission.

Executive Summary

The Arts Commission serves in an advisory capacity to the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors. The Commission requires Board approval to update its bylaws. The Arts Commission is recommending updating its bylaws to conform to County Code 2.38 language changes.

Discussion

The Arts Commission provides ongoing recommendations regarding the Arts to the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors. On November 14, 2023, the County of Santa Cruz Board of Supervisors adopted an "Ordinance Amending Chapter 2.38 of the Santa Cruz County Code to Update the Commissions Policy Ordinance for Boards, Commissions, Committees, and Department Advisory Groups of Santa Cruz County".

At its December 9, 2024 meeting, the Arts Commission voted to recommend revisions to its bylaws to conform to the County Code amendment. The revisions include amendments to the term of commissioners for up to two consecutive years and vacancies, the inclusions of stipends, and definition of Subcommittees to assist the commission for a period longer than six months. Attached for Board consideration are the clean and tracked changes versions of the revisions to the Arts Commission Bylaws.

Financial Impact

There is no financial impact from the recommended action.

Strategic Initiatives

Equity Framework - Community Voices & Partnership

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Recommended By:

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Artificial Intelligence Acknowledgment:

Artificial Intelligence (AI) did not significantly contribute to the development of this agenda item.