

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

The Young Revolutionary Front

MAC

DEVASTATION

YOUTH LED MURAL AT MACANAMARA SKATE PARK



Muralist



Joel Aguilar

Local muralist involved with a mural honoring Livingston, the Utility Box Beautification Project, the Treviño downtown mural, Merced Gateway and Mural Project, amongst others

Project Lead



Sunny M.



YOSEMITE INDEPENDENCE

HIGH SCHOOL

Project Lead



Antonio McMary



EL CAPITAN
HIGH SCHOOL

These adult mentors are program coordinators for the Young Revolutionary Front, and will be supporting the development and execution of the *Mac Devastation* mural.

Adult Coordinators



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Vision



This project was initially ideated by youth from the Young Revolutionary Front in hopes to support the growing young skating community in Merced.

For our project, we wanted to create a community mural at the McNamara Skatepark in South Merced, because we feel that not many youth-led art projects are funded in the City of Merced. The *MacDevastation Mural Project* has been inspired and led by two young people from South Merced: Antonio and Sunny.

This project is exciting because it will make our community better by beautifying the park, which is right next to a police station, and giving us more art to uplift and inspire our community.

For youth, being at the skate park is better than being out doing other things; it gives youth a good outlet to be with friends and look out for each other. In the future, we want to improve the park with better lighting and water fountains. However, this art-project is a good place to start!

Vision

Young people of South Merced would like to beautify the local park and promote a mural that is reflective and representative of the community of South Merced. Even with all of the struggles and injustices happening here locally and abroad, there is also time that we intentionally make that creates spaces of art, creativity, and joy. Our project's intention is to bring attention to the struggles that the people of South Merced face with the hope that we can transform our communities.

This mural project would address rooted in the economic, environmental, racial injustices that are present in the City of Merced; specifically, the work that the Young Revolutionary Front has been placing into addressing the lack of housing, job opportunities, and over-policing that young BIPOC people are subjected to in the low-incomes neighborhoods of Merced. Having the opportunity to represent our needs through art will not only "beautify" the parks of our communities, but bring efforts and attention to the historical marginalization of immigrants, workers, and Brown and Black people in the Central Valley. The location of the mural is a place where many BIPOC communities come to rejoice and find community amongst each other. Being able to bring art into this park would impact the minds of our residents in many beautiful ways.



MacNamara

MacNamara Park rests in South Merced (District 2) and serves as a safe place for young people of color

(specify which wall or structure at mac)









identity

**FOR MANY YOUNG PEOPLE IN THE MCNAMARA PARK NEIGHBORHOOD
THE SKATEPARK HAS BEEN A CORE PART OF THEIR GROWING UP. THEY
HAVE DEVELOPED COMMUNITY AND FRIENDSHIPS, THEY TAUGHT EACH
OTHER HOW TO SKATE AND HOW TO NAVIGATE THE WORLD.**

**'MACBABIES' COMES FROM THE IDENTITY OF ALL THE YOUNG PEOPLE
WHO HAVE GROWN UP IN THIS PARK AND WANT BETTER FOR THEIR
NEIGHBORHOOD AND OTHER YOUTH!**



THIS DESIGN WILL BE MORE FREEHANDED, HOWEVER THE STYLE IS
REPRESENTED IN THE IMAGES ABOVE
-OLD ENGLISH LETTERING
-VIBRANT COLORS





Logistics

1

Materials

- Half Exterior Paint
- High Quality Loops Can & Montana 94s Can Spray Paint

2

Funding

- Funding has been secured through our own means
- Project expected to be completed by June 2023

Timeline



**Oct 15-Dec 15: YRF
& Artist Working
Sesh**



**Apr 2023': Paint
Sessions w/
Community**

**June 23':
Unveiling of Mural**

