



## Legislation Text

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**SUBJECT:** Direction on Establishing an Arts Commission within the City of Merced

### **REPORT IN BRIEF**

Provides the City Council with an update on the progress that has been made to establish a Public Arts Commission in the City of Merced.

### **RECOMMENDATION**

Provide staff with further direction as necessary on the creation and implementation of a City Arts Commission.

### **AUTHORITY**

Article VII, Sections 700, 702, 702.1, 707 and 708 of the Merced City Charter.

### **DISCUSSION**

On August 7, 2017, Council Member Martinez presented the concept of establishing an Arts Commission within the City of Merced. Council provided staff direction to explore the necessary options and steps to move forward. On November 6, 2017 staff presented the research that took place, including what other jurisdictions have done to establish and implement a local Arts Commission and the benefits to the community. Staff received direction from the Council to reach out to local partners and explore options.

On March 9, 2018, Staff met with over 20 stakeholders to work through next steps. The group discussed elements that are needed to draft an ordinance, including: purpose, membership, duties and responsibilities, and funding. The attached slide presentation provides a summary of what was initially agreed upon during the meeting. The group is committed to future meetings and working towards the development of a draft ordinance establishing an Arts commission for consideration by the City Council.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

1. Slide Presentation on Arts Commission