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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING CALIFORNIA ARTS COUNCIL MEETING

Friday, October 23, 2026
10:00 A.M. – 4:05 P.M.

On Location/Virtual Hybrid Meeting

Merced Multicultural Arts Center (The MAC)
645 W. Main St. Merced, CA 95340

Online meeting access will be provided at:
<https://arts.ca.gov/about/council-meetings>

ASL Interpretation will be provided via Zoom.
Interpretación simultánea en español – transmisión de audio por Zoom.

10:00 A.M.	1. Call to Order	R. Messina Captor
10:00 A.M. (3 min)	2. Roll Call and Establishment of Quorum	R. Messina Captor
10:03 A.M. (2 min)	3. Land and Peoples Acknowledgement	M. Armas
10:05 A.M. (5 min)	4. Opening Remarks & Community Agreements	R. Messina Captor N. Miner
10:10 A.M. (5 min)	5. Welcome Remarks <i>Colton Dennis, Executive Director, Merced County Arts Council</i>	C. Dennis
10:15 A.M. (5 min)	6. Chair's Report	R. Messina Captor
10:20 A.M. (5 min)	7. Executive Director's Report	D. Brazell
10:25 A.M. (5 min)	8. VOTING ITEM: Minutes from Previous Meetings <i>Council will vote to approve the following minutes:</i>	R. Messina Captor

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Council Meeting – August 14, 2026 • Council Meeting – September 30, 2026 	
10:30 A.M. (35 min)	<p>9. VOTING ITEM: FY26-27 Allocations</p> <p><i>The Allocations Committee will present their recommendations for the additional appropriation of \$10M in Local Assistance for general operating support in the Budget Act of FY26-27.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (5 min) • Public Comment (20 min) • Discussion (10 min) 	N. Miner P. Mercado
11:05 A.M. (35 min)	<p>10. CONSULTANT PRESENTATION: Native American Artist Grant Program</p> <p>Stephen Valliere, MPH, Project Director at Kauffman & Associates, Inc. (KAI), will present on the Native American Artist grant program.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (15 min) • Discussion (20 min) 	E. Gollub C. Casillas
11:40 A.M. (50 min)	<p>11. VOTING ITEM: FY27-28 Programs to Open</p> <p><i>The Programs Policy Committee will present their recommendations for which programs to open for FY27-28.</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation (10 min) • Public Comment (20 min) • Discussion (20 min) 	C. Duarte V. Estrada
12:30 P.M. (30 min)	Working Lunch	
1:00 P.M. (60 min)	<p>12. VOTING ITEM: FY27-28 Cultural District Activation Grant Program Guideline Framework</p> <p><i>The Programs Policy Committee will present their recommendations for the FY27-28 Cultural District Activation Grant Program Guideline Framework.</i></p>	C. Duarte V. Estrada

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (10 min)</i> • <i>Public Comment (20 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (30 min)</i> 	
2:00 P.M. (40 min)	<p>13. DISCUSSION: Programs Policy Guidelines Framework</p> <p><i>The Programs Policy Committee will lead a discussion on the Guidelines Framework</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff Presentation (5 Minutes)</i> • <i>Committee Presentation (10 Minutes)</i> • <i>Discussion (25 Minutes)</i> 	C. Duarte V. Estrada
2:40 P.M. (30 min)	<p>14. STAFF PRESENTATION: State-Local Partner Program</p> <p><i>Programs staff will present an overview of the SLP program</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Staff Presentation (10 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (10 min)</i> 	C. O'Malley N. Peeples C. Dennis
2:50 P.M. (15 min)	<p>15. DISCUSSION: Meeting Dates and Locations</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Presentation (5 min)</i> • <i>Discussion (10 min)</i> 	R. Messina Captor
3:05 P.M. (10 min)	Break	
3:15 P.M. (10 min)	<p>16. DISCUSSION: Nominating Committee Council Elections</p> <p><i>The Nominating Committee will review the nomination and election process for Chair and Vice Chair.</i></p>	R. Barros R. Hirabayashi
3:25 P.M. (30 min)	<p>17. General Public Comment</p> <p>Two forms of general public comment will be offered:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Comments will be accepted during the meeting in person or over Zoom. 2) Written comment submissions will also be accepted online prior to and up through 5 p.m. on the second business day following the close of the meeting. 	Q. Moore

	Live public comments may be limited to two minutes per person and 30 minutes in total, as allowed by Bagley-Keene.	
3:55 P.M. (5 min)	18. In Memoriam	L. Goodwin
4:00 P.M. (5 min)	19. Closing Remarks <i>Call for agenda items for December 2026 Council Meeting</i>	R. Messina Captor
4:05 P.M. (5 min)	20. Adjournment	R. Messina Captor

**Agenda items included within this public notice may be added, removed or altered until 10 days prior to meeting time.*

- 1. All times indicated and the orders of business are approximate and subject to change.*
- 2. Any item listed on the agenda is subject to possible Council action.*
- 3. A brief mid-meeting break may be taken at the call of the Chair.*
- 4. The CAC retains the right to convene an advisory committee meeting pursuant to Government Code Sec. 11125 (d).*
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- 6. Public comment instructions will be provided at <https://arts.ca.gov/about/council-meetings>.*