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**Cultural Affairs Commission  
Regular Meeting Agenda  
Monday, November 28, 2022  
5:30 – 8:30 PM**

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Roll Call/Call to Order

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2. Land Acknowledgement
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4. Action Item 2: Approval of Minutes from September 19, 2022
5. Artist Spotlight: Alana Landrum
6. Cultural Affairs Division Manager's Update
7. Public Comment
8. Cultural Affairs Commission Chair's Update
9. Update: Cultural Strategist-in-Government (CSIG)
10. Discussion Item: New Mayor and City Council Next Steps
11. Open Forum
12. Announcements & Acknowledgements
13. Closing

**Adjourn**

**Next regular meeting: January 23, 2023 at 5:30 – 8:30 PM**

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# OAKLAND CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

## RESOLUTION NO. 22-11-08

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**ADOPT A RESOLUTION DETERMINING THAT CONDUCTING IN-PERSON MEETINGS OF THE CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION AND ITS COMMITTEES WOULD PRESENT IMMINENT RISKS TO ATTENDEES' HEALTH, AND ELECTING TO CONTINUE CONDUCTING MEETINGS USING TELECONFERENCING IN ACCORDANCE WITH CALIFORNIA GOVERNMENT CODE SECTION 54953(e), A PROVISION OF AB-361.**

**WHEREAS**, on March 4, 2020, Governor Gavin Newsom declared a state of emergency related to COVID-19, pursuant to Government Code Section 8625, and such declaration has not been lifted or rescinded. See <https://www.gov.ca.gov/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/3.4.20-Coronavirus-SOE-Proclamation.pdf>; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 9, 2020, the City Administrator in their capacity as the Director of the Emergency Operations Center (EOC), issued a proclamation of local emergency due to the spread of COVID-19 in Oakland, and on March 12, 2020, the City Council passed Resolution No. 88075 C.M.S. ratifying the proclamation of local emergency pursuant to Oakland Municipal Code (O.M.C.) section 8.50.050(C); and

**WHEREAS**, City Council Resolution No. 88075 remains in full force and effect to date; and

**WHEREAS**, the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) recommends physical distancing of at least six (6) feet whenever possible, avoiding crowds, and avoiding spaces that do not offer fresh air from the outdoors, particularly for people who are not fully vaccinated or who are at higher risk of getting very sick from COVID-19. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that people who live with unvaccinated people avoid activities that make physical distancing hard. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/your-health/about-covid-19/caring-for-children/families.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC recommends that older adults limit in-person interactions as much as possible, particularly when indoors. See <https://www.cdc.gov/aging/covid19/covid19-older-adults.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the CDC, the California Department of Public Health, and the Alameda County Public Health Department all recommend that people experiencing COVID-19

symptoms stay home. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/if-you-are-sick/steps-when-sick.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, persons without symptoms may be able to spread the COVID-19 virus. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/prevent-getting-sick/prevention.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, fully vaccinated persons who become infected with the COVID-19 Delta variant can spread the virus to others. See <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/vaccines/fully-vaccinated.html>; and

**WHEREAS**, the City's public-meeting facilities are indoor facilities that do not ensure circulation of fresh / outdoor air, particularly during periods of cold and/or rainy weather, and were not designed to ensure that attendees can remain six (6) feet apart; and

**WHEREAS**, holding in-person meetings would encourage community members to come to City facilities to participate in local government, and some of them would be at high risk of getting very sick from COVID-19 and/or would live with someone who is at high risk; and

**WHEREAS**, in-person meetings would tempt community members who are experiencing COVID-19 symptoms to leave their homes in order to come to City facilities and participate in local government; and

**WHEREAS**, attendees would use ride-share services and/or public transit to travel to in-person meetings, thereby putting them in close and prolonged contact with additional people outside of their households; and

**WHEREAS**, on March 28, 2022 the Cultural Affairs Commission adopted a resolution determining that conducting in-person meetings would present imminent risks to attendees' health, and electing to continue conducting meetings using teleconferencing in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; now therefore be it:

**RESOLVED:** that the Cultural Affairs Commission finds and determines that the foregoing recitals are true and correct and hereby adopts and incorporates them into this resolution; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that, based on these determinations and consistent with federal, state and local health guidance, the Cultural Affairs Commission renews its determination that conducting in-person meetings would pose imminent risks to the health of attendees; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Cultural Affairs Commission firmly believes that the community's health and safety and the community's right to participate in local government, are both critically important, and is committed to balancing the two by continuing to use teleconferencing to conduct public meetings, in accordance with California Government Code Section 54953(e), a provision of AB-361; and be it

**FURTHER RESOLVED:** that the Cultural Affairs Commission will renew these (or similar) findings at least every thirty (30) days in accordance with California Government Code section 54953(e) until the state of emergency related to COVID-19 has been lifted, or the Cultural Affairs Commission finds that in-person meetings no longer pose imminent risks to the health of attendees, whichever occurs first.



## CITY OF OAKLAND

### **Cultural Affairs Commission DRAFT Regular Meeting Minutes Monday, September 19, 2022 5:30 – 7:58 PM**

**Members in Attendance:** Diane Sanchez (Chair), Michelle Mush Lee (Vice Chair), Roy Chan, Kev Choice, Jennifer Easton, J. K. Fowler, Shannon Price, Vanessa Whang, Theo Aytchan Williams

**Members Absent:** Arnell Pleasants

**Staff in Attendance:** Roberto Bedoya, Neha Balram, Kristen Zarembo, Regina Acebo

**Guest Speakers:** Jada Imani

#### **Roll Call/Call to Order**

##### **1. Welcome**

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Chair Sanchez.

##### **2. Land Acknowledgement**

Chair Sanchez led a land acknowledgement noting that the City of Oakland and the Sogorea Te' Land Trust are working on plans to return approximately five acres of land in Joaquin Miller park to Indigenous stewardship. This is one of the first cases of a municipality giving land back to Native people.

##### **3. Action Item 1: Adopt Resolution 22-09-07 Determining that Conducting In-Person Meetings of the Cultural Affairs Commission and its Committees would Present Imminent Risks to Attendees' Health, and Electing to Continue Conducting Meetings Using Teleconferencing in Accordance with California Government Code Section 54953E, a Provision of AB-361**

Motion to adopt Resolution 22-09-07 made by Commissioner Fowler; seconded by Commissioner Whang.

Chan	AYE
Choice	AYE
Easton	Abstain
Fowler	AYE
Lee	Abstain
Pleasant	Absent
Price	AYE
Sanchez	NAY

Whang     AYE  
Williams   Abstain

The motion did not pass.

**4. Action Item 2: Approval of Minutes from July 25, 2022**

Motion to approve the meeting minutes from July 25, 2022 made by Commissioner Choice; seconded by Commissioner Chan.

Chan        AYE  
Choice      AYE  
Easton      AYE  
Fowler      AYE  
Lee          AYE  
Pleasants   Absent  
Price        AYE  
Sanchez     AYE  
Whang       AYE  
Williams    AYE

The motion passed.

**5. Artist Spotlight: Jada Imani**

Commissioner Choice introduced Jada Imani, the artist spotlight for the meeting.

Jada Imani is an East St. Louis-born, Bay Area-raised Hip-Hop R&B artist and organizer. At 15, Imani began curating live performances at Oakland's First Friday Festival in the Alan Blueford Center for Justice, where she built a community while hosting hundreds of artists over the course of three and a half years.

Imani finds her ultimate passion is in grassroots projects. She has a newly launched merchandise line around her latest singles and music videos in partnership with local women-of-color owned businesses including AVOCURL, The Well and most recently Oaklandish.

**6. Cultural Affairs Commission Chair's Update**

**Staffing**

Chair Sanchez noted that Cultural Funding Program Coordinator position has still not been posted or filled, since Denise Pate's departure in October 2021. She expressed concern for the stress staff is under the current understaffed conditions. She encouraged the Commissioners to organize and reach out to elected officials and the City Administrator.

**Departing Commissioners**

Chair Sanchez acknowledged the service of two Commissioners terming off on September 30—Arnell Pleasants and Roy Chan. Chair Sanchez acknowledged Commissioner Pleasants contributions to the Ad Hoc Team: District 6 & 7. Commissioner Easton spoke to the many contributions Commissioner Chan made during his service including the relationships he built across the City, the



input he provided on the General Plan, provided input on Downtown Oakland Specific Plan, provided comments on suggested amendments to the municipal code regarding the Parks and Recreation, cultural mapping research, partnering with other Commissioners and community members to organize a town hall calling for Black and AAPI solidarity in response to increased violence against AAPI community members.

**The East Bay Cultural Alliance**

Chair Sanchez and a group of Alameda County arts community leaders have been able to successfully advocate for \$1M from the Alameda County Board of Supervisors that was distributed to 182 arts grant applicants.

**Additional Updates**

Commissioners Whang, Chair Sanchez, and Cultural Affairs staff Kristen Zaremba have been asked to provide input on design features for the public space in a plan for the housing project at Broadway and 4<sup>th</sup> below Interstate 880.

**7. Cultural Affairs Division Manager's Update****Staffing**

Roberto Bedoya noted that after the Cultural Funding Coordinator position is posted and filled, the position to support Kristen Zaremba in Public Art will be posted. Finally, a permanent part-time position will be hired to fulfill some administrative and communications needs.

**Cultural Funding Program – Festival Culture**

Bedoya noted that the available \$1.186M in re-granting funds are recommended by the Funding Advisory Committee to be awarded to 49 applicants. City Council will review the recommendations in October.

**Research Projects**

Bedoya is working on research for building infrastructure particularly in District 6 & 7. Additionally, he needs to conduct research on the economic and social impact of the arts in Oakland. Finally, he acknowledged the research work being conducted by the Goldman School Fellow Claire Pelley.

**8. Public Comment**

Comments were made by Jim Santi Owen.

**9. Program Update: Cultural Strategists-in-Government**

Chair Sanchez noted in her update that this agenda item will be moved to the November 28, 2022 meeting to allow for a more robust update.

**10. Ad Hoc Team Update: Oakland Mayoral Candidate Forum**

Vice Chair Lee, Commissioners Fowler, Choice, and Williams provided an overview of the program for the Mayoral Candidate Town Hall happening in October 8<sup>th</sup> as a part of the Life is Living Festival in West Oakland, and in partnership with Youth Speaks and California Humanities. Commissioner Fowler acknowledged the contributions by Commissioner Whang and Chair Sanchez to draft the invitations to the candidates.

The Commissioners discussed the purpose and goal of the town hall, the format, and the process for educating candidates, and engaging community members.

**11. Open Forum**

No comment was made by the public.

**12. Announcements& Acknowledgements**

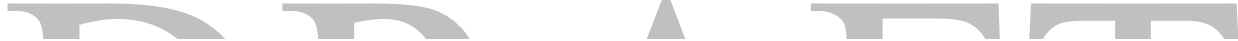
Chairs Sanchez mentioned the partnership between the City of Oakland and Saint Denis, France and the upcoming exhibit at Oakstop in Downtown Oakland about this cultural partnership. She also highlighted the Oakland author Leila Mottley and her recent success and national recognition.

The Commissioners spent some time sharing the various civic and cultural activities they have participated in or attended.

**13. Closing**

A motion to end the meeting was made by Commissioner Choice, seconded by Commissioner Fowler.

The meeting adjourned at 7:58 PM.



## **Artist Spotlight: Alana Landrum**

My name is Alana Landrum and I am a multimedia visual artist based in Oakland, California. My practice includes painting, drawing, and community arts programming with Civic Design Studio. In my artwork, I intend to create an imaginative representation of a feeling or pay homage to a person, place, or thing. I am inspired by nature, architecture, and music and am drawn to the use of vibrant, saturated colors to create otherworldly environments. I most enjoy working with acrylic and oil paints as well as oil pastels and I implement abstract, naturalistic, and surreal techniques to give rise to imagination and interpretation for myself and the viewers of my work.