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News from the Cultural Affairs Division

Upcoming Meetings and Opportunities: November 2024



"Love Letter to Oakland #2," FY21-22 Cultural Funding Program grant recipient Hungry Ghost Studio. Mural by artists David Burke, Pancho Pescador, Joevic Yeban, and Pablo Raiz. Mural features Oakland artists Hung Liu (far left), Michael Morgan (center left), Kev Choice (center right) and muralists Elaine Chu and Marin Perez-Wong (far right). Image Credit: Hungry Ghost Studios, [Love Letter #2 — Love Letter to Oakland](#)

THREADS OF CONNECTION, RESILIENCE, AND JOY

Oakland's City Council held a [Special Meeting](#) on Tuesday, November 19th to receive information on City revenue and spending, discuss steps taken to address an operating deficit, and hear from members of the public about the potential impact of unplanned reductions to current resources for all City programs, including the Cultural Affairs Division.

At Tuesday's Council Meeting, Cultural Affairs Commission Chair Vanessa Whang and Commissioner, musician and Oakland native [Kev Choice](#) spoke to the powerful social and economic impact our cultural community has on Oakland. Commissioner Choice stated:

“These programs and events not only provide opportunities for our community to thrive, but they save people’s lives. These aren’t line items on a budget; they are the threads of connection, resilience, and joy that bind Oakland together.”

To learn more about the City's budget, and how these budget modifications may impact Oakland arts and culture, you can read the City Administrator's Informational Report to City Council here: [City of Oakland - File #: 25-0260](#) , and watch a video of Tuesdays meeting [here](#).

UPCOMING PUBLIC MEETINGS

CITY COUNCIL

The Oakland City Council has planned meetings to take additional action to address budget modifications for the 2024-25 fiscal year. Meeting dates and times are subject to change. *Meeting details, including Agenda Reports, information on how to submit Public Comment, and Zoom Details will be shared prior to the meeting at their designated links: [Oakland City Council](#) and [City of Oakland - Calendar](#)*

- Tuesday December 3rd
 - *12:30PM: A special City Council Meeting has been scheduled to specifically discuss City budget modifications. The 3:30PM City Council Meeting will be discussing additional City business.*
- Tuesday December 17th

Please consult the [City Council Meeting Webpage](#) for the most up to date meeting time and details.

CULTURAL AFFAIRS COMMISSION

The Cultural Affairs Commission (CAC) is an advisory body to the Mayor, City Council, and City Administrator on matters affecting cultural development in Oakland.

The Cultural Affairs Commission meets quarterly at Oakland City Hall, 1 Frank Ogawa Plaza:

- Monday Jan. 27th, 5:30-8:30PM

- Monday Apr. 28th, 5:30-8:30PM
- Monday May 19th, 5:30-8:30PM
- Monday July 28th, 5:30-8:30PM
- Monday Oct. 27th, 5:30-8:30PM

Meeting details, including Room Location, Agenda Reports, and Zoom Details will be shared several days prior to the meeting on [our website](#).

PUBLIC ART ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Public Art Advisory Committee (PAAC) works with staff to develop program policies and procedures and approves sites, budgets, selection methods, and proposals for public art in Oakland. The PAAC meets the first Monday of each month at Oakland City Hall. The next meeting of the Committee is:

- Monday Dec. 2nd, 5:30-7:30PM

Meeting details, including Agenda Reports and Zoom Details, are posted 72 hours prior to the meeting on [our website](#).

STAY ENGAGED

Thank you for reading. The Oakland Cultural Affairs Division shares reports, program information, and opportunities on our website. For questions and inquiries, please contact the Cultural Affairs Division staff at culturalaffairs@oaklandca.gov



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