



**City of Coral Gables
CITY COMMISSION MEETING
June 11, 2019**

ITEM TITLE:

A Resolution approving a public art exhibition by Rafael Barrios, and for its application to Art Basel and Miami Art Week, extending through winter, 2019. (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 6 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 6 to 0).

DEPARTMENT HEAD RECOMMENDATION:

Approval

BRIEF HISTORY:

The Cultural Development Board historically has recommended City participation in Miami's Art Week and, more specifically, an affiliation with Art Basel.

Since 2016, the City has received recognition support from Art Basel for an annual temporary exhibition. Following the consistent recommendation of Art Basel to partner with established cultural institutions, the City partnered with the Lowe Art Museum in 2018 and is conferring with the Coral Gables Art Museum in 2019. As a result, the City sought out a Venezuelan artist to compliment the Museum's exhibitions of Venezuelan artists scheduled for the same time.

The City requested a proposal for a temporary exhibition of artwork by Rafael Barrios. The artist visited Coral Gables to consider sites for a proposal and responded with a preliminary concept.

The Arts Advisory Panel met and voted to recommend Rafael Barrios as this year's Miami Art Week and Art Basel special event artist. The Panel further recommended creation of new work specific to Coral Gables. The Cultural Development Board was presented with and accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and voted unanimously in support of presenting the work of Rafael Barrios.

Building on the established relationship with Art Basel, the City proposes to submit an Art Basel VIP event application to celebrate the exhibition.

Funding for the exhibition and related expenses will be brought to the City Commission as a separate resolution.

The Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend support of a public exhibition by Rafael Barrios at their meeting on May 29, 2019.

The Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (6-0) to recommend support of a public exhibition by Rafael Barrios at their meeting on June 4, 2019.

ADVISORY BOARD/COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATION(S):

Date.	Board/Committee	Comments
May 29, 2019	Arts Advisory Panel	Recommended approval
June 04, 2019	Cultural Development Board	Recommended approval

ATTACHMENT(S):

1. **Draft Resolution**
2. **Excerpt Minutes from the Arts Advisory Panel meeting of May 29, 2019**
3. **Excerpt Minutes from the Cultural Development Board meeting of June 04, 2019**
4. **Rafael Barrios, preliminary concept proposal**