



Legislation Text

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A Resolution approving a public art exhibition by Kiki Smith, and for application to Art Basel and Miami Art Week, extending through winter, 2020-2021 (unanimously recommended by the Arts Advisory Panel approval/denial vote: 7 to 0, and the Cultural Development Board approval/denial vote: 7 to 0).

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. While it's understood that Art Basel may present itself in a different format this year, it's important for the City to maintain quality programming that invites residents and visitors to confidently and safely experience the arts within the City Beautiful.

In partnership with the curatorial team of Fung Collaboratives, and to further the new arts initiative of Illuminate Coral Gables, the City requested a proposal for a temporary exhibition of artwork by renowned artist Kiki Smith. The artist met numerous times with Fung Collaboratives and City staff, focusing on a proposal for artwork at Giralda Plaza.

The Arts Advisory Panel met and voted unanimously to recommend Kiki Smith as this year's temporary exhibition artist and Art Basel special event artist. The Panel further recommended creation of new work as proposed. The Cultural Development Board was presented with and accepted the recommendation of the Arts Advisory Panel and voted unanimously in support of the proposed work of Kiki Smith.

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 up to \$250,000 is proposed through the Art Acquisition Fund.

The Arts Advisory Panel voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend support of a public exhibition by Kiki Smith at their meeting on June 24, 2020.

The Cultural Development Board voted unanimously (7-0) to recommend support of a public exhibition by Kiki Smith at their meeting on July 7, 2020.