

ROLES AND DUTIES

Arts and Culture Advisory Commission

City of Merced

The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission serves as an advisory body to the City Council on matters having to do with public art, art projects, cultural programs and activities and the promotion of the arts within the City of Merced. In forming the Arts and Culture Advisory Commission, it is the intent of the City Council to foster the arts in the City of Merced, and to help implement policy, programs, and standards for public art.

The Arts and Culture Advisory Commission has the responsibility of providing recommendations to the City Council and other appointed bodies and City departments for the following:

- Displays of art within a public facility, or any public art within the City, or exterior space for outdoor visual art, or promote the arts for city beautification and to enhance the quality of life;
- Programs that promote art or enhance cultural development;
- Act as a resource to the community and local arts and culture for mentorship, internship, facilitating process, marketing and advocating;
- Coordinate and collaborate with the Merced County Arts Council, and other individuals and groups, both private and public, to support, promote, enhance and recognize artistic endeavors and cultural activities that are reflective of the community across all cultures, races and stages of life;
- Recommend funding options that maximize opportunities for sustainable projects and cultural activities throughout the City;
- Recommend the establishment of artistic standards across disciplines; and
- Such other duties as the City Council may prescribe.

The Commission consists of seven registered City of Merced voting members. Six (6) voting members of the commission shall be from the established City Council voting districts and the seventh member shall be appointed at large, who serve four year terms of office, with four ex-officio members at City Council discretion. Ex-officio members are non-voting members who may be non-City residents who live within the City of Merced's sphere of influence or persons who demonstrate expertise in any number of art disciplines, or other areas of expertise or knowledge. One of the ex-officio members shall be a member of the City Council. Regular meetings are held on the second Thursday of every odd-numbered month at 3:00

PM. This position requires the filing of a Statement of Economic Interests under the California Fair Political Practices Act guidelines.

Interested Applicants:

Your application will be submitted to the City Council for consideration when a vacancy occurs on this Commission. Appointments are made by the Council during its regular meeting agenda. You will be notified of the Council's action immediately following the meeting.

In the event you are not appointed, your application will be kept on file for a period of one year from the date of application. Each time a vacancy occurs on this commission during the year, you will be contacted by the City Clerk's office to verify you are still interested prior to submitting your application to the Council.

To apply for this commission, please visit the City's website at www.cityofmerced.org and click on Apply for City Board. Please be as descriptive as possible on the application form and include two references who can attest to your suitability for appointment to this board.