



## BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING DATE: **MARCH 23, 2023** ITEM: **8F(v)**

SUBJECT: **Community Affairs Committee**

DATE: March 17, 2023

FROM: Director Bagneris and Chair Pham

PRESENTATION BY: Director Bagneris and Chair Pham

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### ***Purpose:***

*This committee oversees the Board's relationship with the community.*

### ***Focus:***

- *Diversity, equity and inclusion*
- *Community engagement*
- *Relationships with local, county and state officials*

### ***Special Projects:***

- *Plaza Pacifica Public Art Project Celebrating Diversity, Equity and Inclusion*

### **SUMMARY OF COMMITTEE MEETING:**

The committee was updated by email on 3/7/23 and 3/16/23 on the following:

- **Plaza Pacifica Public Art Project:** Staff is moving forward with launching a student competition to design DEI focused artwork to be installed on the light towers at Plaza Pacifica. Outreach will begin with those students (age 13-17) who submit pieces for our visual arts competitions during the 2023 OC Fair, and extend to Orange County school art programs. Staff is currently developing the rules, specifications and judging process for the competition.
- **Women's History Month:** In recognition of Women's History Month, staff shared the following statistics about OC FEC with the committee:
  - 3 of our 7 Board members are women
  - 3 of our 4 executives are women
  - 6 of our 12 staff directors are women
  - 9 of our 24 supervisors are women (3 of those 24 supervisory positions are currently open)
  - 47 of our 101 civil service employees are women

- **Cesar Chavez Day:** March 31 is a State holiday in California and a Federal commemorative holiday in recognition of Cesar Chavez, co-founder with Dolores Huerta of the United Farm Workers union. Chavez fought tirelessly for the rights of migrant farm workers. Each year OCFEC honors the work of Cesar Chavez with a special exhibit at the Agricultural Workers Memorial near Centennial Farm.

**Follow-up**

The next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee is TBD.