



BOARD OF DIRECTORS COMMITTEE REPORT

MEETING DATE: **JANUARY 25, 2024** ITEM: **8G(v)**

SUBJECT: **Community Affairs Committee**

DATE: January 22, 2024

FROM: Directors Rubalcava-Garcia and Jackson

PRESENTATION BY: Directors Rubalcava-Garcia and Jackson

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 met on 12/5/23 and discussed the following:

Because both members are new to the committee, staff reviewed the focus of the Community Affairs Committee and brought the members up-to-speed on the student mural art competition. Pending the outcome of the entries received (which are due at the end of the year), Director Jackson suggested perhaps engaging a commissioned artist to work with students on the development of the mural art.

The committee discussed enhancing the presentations made each month at Board meetings highlighting various cultural groups by presenting a proclamation to a leading member of the group's community featured that month.

The committee was also interested in ways to enhance the organization's relationship with local, county and state officials and discussed inviting an Orange County mayor each month to highlight the public activities for that city.

The committee met again on 1/17/24 and reviewed the entries from the student art competition. Working with staff, the committee selected the first, second and third place awards. Staff shared the plan for featuring the winning art including at Imaginology, on the website, on video panels during the 2024 OC Fair, etc. The committee suggested

inviting the top three student winners to come to a future Board meeting to receive their prize awards.

Staff presented the draft of the Black History Month proclamation document which will be framed and presented at the February Board meeting. The committee approved the document and suggested Bobby McDonald, President and CEO of the Black Chamber of Commerce of Orange County, to receive the proclamation on behalf of the Black community in Orange County.

Follow-up

- The next meeting of the Community Affairs Committee is TBD.