



BOARD OF DIRECTORS AGENDA REPORT

MEETING DATE: **FEBRUARY 22, 2024** ITEM: **8A**

SUBJECT: **Presentation to Winners of Youth Diversity Art Competition**

DATE: February 16, 2024

FROM: Michele Richards, CEO

PRESENTATION BY: Directors Rubalcava-Garcia and Jackson - Community Affairs Committee

Information Item

BACKGROUND

Working with staff, the Community Affairs Committee launched a Diversity, Equity & Inclusion (DEI) art competition during the 2023 OC Fair. The competition was aimed at the Young Adult category which includes youth ages 13-17.

The competition was promoted in the visual arts building during the 2023 OC Fair, in social media posts, and through outreach to art teachers throughout Orange County. Students were asked to express through their art the rich diversity of Orange County, and submit their entries by December 31, 2023.

The Community Affairs Committee met with staff to review the entries and selected first, second and third place. The top three students were invited to the February Board of Directors meeting to be recognized for their winning entries.

The selected artwork will be featured during the 2024 OC Fair on the ocfair.com web site, on video panels throughout the fair, through social media posts and on OCFEC's digital assets.