

TO: NEWPORT BEACH CITY ARTS COMMISSION

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TITLE: Decision Concerning Sculpture Titled *Uprooted II* for Civic Center .

ABSTRACT:

Artist Sarah A. Wilkinson has loaned a sculpture titled *Uprooted II*, at a lease cost of \$750.00 for one year, (\$750.00 to be applied to a potential purchase price of \$25,000.00). The City Council approved the loan of *Uprooted II* in March 2013 and it is currently displayed outside the Council Chambers. After displaying the piece for one year, the City has the option to purchase the sculpture for an agreed upon price of \$25,000.00, minus the \$750.00 fee for the one-year loan. Should the City not desire to purchase the sculpture, the Agreement requires Ms. Wilkinson to remove the sculpture from the Civic Center without any further compensation from the City. Ms. Wilkinson has provided a third option to the City by offering to extend the loan of the sculpture titled *Uprooted II* at a cost of \$1000.00 for an additional year.

RECOMMENDATION:

Staff recommends that the Arts Commission determine whether to purchase *Uprooted II*, return it to Sarah A. Wilkinson, or agree to extend the loan for an additional year at a cost of \$1000.00.

FUNDING REQUIREMENTS:

Purchasing *Uprooted II* will cost the City \$24,250.00. Artist Sarah A. Wilkinson has offered to extend the loan of the sculpture titled *Uprooted II* at a cost of \$1000.00 for an additional year.

DISCUSSION:

Uprooted II is a depiction of common kelp. Fabricated of stainless steel and bronze, the sculpture's dimensions are 7' long, 6' wide, and 20" high. The piece weighs 135 lbs.

In March 2013, the City of Newport Beach made an agreement with sculptor Sarah A. Wilkinson to loan to the City the piece for display for one year at the Newport Beach Civic Center, outside the City Council Chambers.

Sarah A. Wilkinson offered to loan the sculpture to the City at a lease cost of \$750.00 for one year. Ms. Wilkinson also provided the City with the option to purchase the Sculpture at a mutually agreed upon purchase price of \$25,000.00, minus any amount the City has already paid to the Artist as an

honorarium under the terms of this Agreement (the \$750.00 honorarium to be applied to a potential purchase price of \$25,000.00).

The loan agreement period is set to expire on March 26, 2014. The City Arts Commission is required to make a decision to purchase Uprooted II, or to return the piece to Ms. Wilkinson, who has offered to extend the loan for an additional year, at a cost of \$1000.00, as a third option.

NOTICING:

This agenda item has been noticed according to the Brown Act (72 hours in advance of the meeting at which the City Arts Commission considers the item).

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