

**CITY OF ALAMEDA PUBLIC ART COMMISSION
DRAFT RESOLUTION**

**APPROVING A CITY INITIATED AMENDMENT TO THE PUBLIC ART ORDINANCE
(PLN15-0050) AND RECOMMENDING ITS APPROVAL BY CITY COUNCIL**

WHEREAS, on March 4, 2003, the Alameda City Council adopted Ordinance 2892 which created the public art program; and

WHEREAS, on July 5, 2005, the public art ordinance was amended, changing the Public Art Advisory Committee to the Public Art Commission and transferring its staffing from the Recreation and Parks Department to the Planning and Building Department; and

WHEREAS, in 2011 the City embarked on an assessment of the public art program and a report was completed in 2012, which included recommendations for improvements to the public art ordinance, and

WHEREAS, on November 12, 2014, the City held a public workshop to discuss concepts for amending the public art ordinance, and

WHEREAS, the key objectives of the amendment are to increase the potential for accumulating public art funding to support municipal arts and cultural programs, to establish a clearer process for distribution of art funds, and to improve the efficiency of review and approval of public art generated through the development process; and

WHEREAS, the proposed zoning code amendment is Categorically Exempt under Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines, which exempts minor amendments to land use limitations

WHEREAS, the Public Art Commission held a public meeting on this code amendment on February 18, 2015; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Public Art Commission finds that the project is Categorically Exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act, under Section 15305 of the CEQA Guidelines – Minor Alterations in Land Use Limitations; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the Public Art Commission of the City of Alameda hereby approves the amendment to the public art ordinance, attached to this resolution as Exhibit A, and recommends its adoption by the City Council.