

From: [Janis Erion](#)
To: [Lara Weisiger](#)
Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Please retain Mark Farrell on Alameda Arts Commission!!
Date: Tuesday, July 6, 2021 8:38:38 AM



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From: [Tara Pilbrow](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Public Art Commission appointments
Date: Monday, July 5, 2021 9:03:03 PM

Dear Council Members and Mayor,

I am writing to voice my support for Mark Farrell in his desire to continue as a Public Arts Commissioner. I regularly attend the Public Arts Commission meetings and have always been impressed by Mark's engagement and enthusiasm. He seems well prepared and I believe he cares deeply about the future of Public Arts in this city. He is a working artist and understands well the needs of the artists and arts institutions in Alameda.

Thank you

Tara Pilbrow
Alameda Resident

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Tara Pilbrow
Vice President, [West End Arts District](#)
Artistic Director, [Animate Alameda](#)
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From: [Janis Erion](#)
To: ezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov; [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please retain Mark Farrell on Alameda Arts Commission!!
Date: Saturday, July 3, 2021 4:22:52 PM

Dear Council Members, and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

As a fellow artist and Alameda resident, I am very impressed with the progress that has been made in our city in terms of quality installations, projects and public arts awareness within our community--at all age levels! From the art walks to the fabulous Jean Sweeney park, I am so impressed that our seasoned commissioners are able to get so much done!

I am sure that there is a significant start-up time when joining the Arts Commission; why not retain an educated, working artist with lots of experience, finesse and motivation? My family, friends and all of those who know Mark Farrell, cannot think of a better person to continue the fine job that is being done. We are asking you to please keep Mark on the Alameda Arts Commission for another term.

Thank you,
Jan Erion
Alameda Resident



From: [Kathy Logan](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reappoint Mark Farrell to the Alameda's Public Art Commission
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021 5:18:30 PM

Dear Council Members, and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

Kathy Logan

From: [Frances Montell](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] reappoint Mark Farrell
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021 1:27:23 PM

Dear Council Members and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I don't think Alameda can afford to lose such an experienced commissioner. Please reappoint Mark, who will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

Frances Montell
Alameda Resident

From: [Tharon Bunger](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission
Date: Thursday, July 1, 2021 7:11:17 PM

Dear Council Members, and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. As a veteran teacher in the Alameda Unified School District for 16 years I know the value of art in our community. Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

Tharon Bunger
Alameda Resident

Tharon Bunger

Lara Weisiger

From: Susan Dunn <susanmdunn@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 1:56 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Alameda Public Arts Commission - please keep Mark Farrell on the Commission

Dear City Clerk of Alameda,

I am writing you today on behalf of Mark Farrell who is currently on the Alameda Arts Commission. However, I understand there is some doubt about his reappointment to this Commission. I want to urge you to keep Mark, a highly experienced civil servant, on this commission for Alameda. My husband and I are both involved with Alameda Arts at Altarena Playhouse, Island City Opera and the Alameda Photographic Society where Jeff was recently president for 3 years. We feel Mark is a leader who can help serve Alameda on the Arts Commission. Please insure he keeps his post.

All best,

Susan and Jeff - public volunteers to clean up Alameda streets, beaches and shoreline. Please wave to us if you see us out there on our walks.



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From: [Phillip Matarrese](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reappoint Mark Farrell to the Alameda Arts Commission
Date: Thursday, July 1, 2021 12:52:05 PM

Dear Council Members, and Mayor,

My name is Phillip Matarrese, an Alameda resident and local artist and filmmaker. I recently found out that Mark Farrell's seat on the Arts Commission will not be reappointed and I wanted to voice my opposition to this decision.

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. Not only is he a working artist but his 4 years of experience on the commission along with his other work to support local arts positions him perfectly to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I've known Mark for many years now through the Alameda International Film Festival and am certain that he will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our city.

Thank you,

Phillip Matarrese
Alameda Resident & Local Artist

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From: [Jim Franz](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#)
Cc: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Reappointment of Mark Farrell
Date: Thursday, July 1, 2021 8:50:05 AM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Members of the City Council,

I have worked with Mark Farrell on a number of projects benefitting Alamedans and appreciate his energy, knowledge, and dedication to our community, especially regarding projects related to the Arts.

Over the past few months, I've been working with him to support a Boy Scout working on his Eagle Project "A Public Piano Event in Alameda". Mark has walked the young man through the sometimes difficult process of making an event happen in Alameda, spending hours helping him connect with the appropriate partners and agencies. This is the same positive energy I've seen Mark give to anything he is involved in.,

Hopefully, you will give Mark the opportunity to continue his work with the city's Public Art Commission. I believe his experience on the commission and as a working artist will help bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

Jim Franz
Alameda Volunteer

Sent from [Mail](#) for Windows 10

From: [MARK FARRELL](#)

Sent: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:28 AM

Subject: I need your help!

Hello:

I'm writing to you about public art in Alameda. You may be aware that I've spent the last four years working diligently on the Public Art Commission to make our island even more beautiful. There have been two empty seats on the Commission for three months now, and I've recently found out that there's going to be yet another: mine.

In not reappointing me, the city will lose an experienced commissioner who knows how to get funds into the hands of artists who make our island city great.

So, I'm asking that you write a short note to City Council and the Mayor urging them to reappoint me to the Public Art Commission. Their email addresses are here:

[Mayor Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#) email: mezzyashcraft@alamedaca.gov

[Vice Mayor Malia Vella](#) email: mvella@alamedaca.gov

[Councilmember Tony Daysog](#) email: tdaysog@alamedaca.gov

[Councilmember Trish Herrera Spencer](#) email: tspencer@alamedaca.gov

[Councilmember John Knox White](#) email: jknoxwhite@alamedaca.gov

City Clerk email clerk@alamedaca.gov

The next council meeting where this will be considered is July 6th so it's important that they receive these emails before then!

If you would like to use/modify a template to save your valuable time, please find one below:

Dear Council Members, and Mayor,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

_____ (your name)
Alameda Resident

Thank you so much for your support. It means the world to me.

Sincerely,
Mark Farrell

From: [Alana Dill](#)
To: [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please retain Mark Farrell, Arts Commissioner
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 11:28:12 PM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft and Council Members:

Please reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,
Alana Dill
Alameda Artist
Resident since 1999

From: [Rachel Campos](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [Malia Vella](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [John Knox White](#); [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Consider Reappointing Commissioner Mark Farrell
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 6:09:53 PM

Mayor Ezzy Ashcraft & Members of Council,

I am writing to encourage you to reconsider your decision not to reappoint Mark Farrel to the Public Arts Commission.

Over the last 4 years, Mark has worked so hard and has succeeded in helping to turn around our Public Arts Commission. His efforts involved pushing forward the city's first RFP, reevaluating the current ordinance, and our small grants initiative. Some of the fruits of his labor are just now starting to bloom. To reappoint him means that the commission can continue to benefit from his historical knowledge at a pivotal time for the group.

He deeply cares about the objectives of creating a more bright, vibrant community through the arts. To lose him would be a tremendous setback for those goals.

Thank you,
Rachel Campos de Ivanov

From: [Adam Gillitt](#)
To: [Marilyn Ezzy Ashcraft](#); [John Knox White](#); [Tony Daysog](#); [Trish Spencer](#); [Malia Vella](#); [City Clerk](#)
Cc: [Lois Butler](#); [Amanda Gehrke](#)
Subject: Public Art Commission appointments
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 5:42:00 PM

Dear Mayor Ashcraft, City Council Members, and Staff:

I was surprised and disappointed to learn that my fellow Commissioner, Mark Farrell, will not be reappointed to a second term on the Public Art Commission. Mark has been a valued contributor and colleague over the last four years, bringing insight and experience to his role on the Commission. His knowledge of arts programming and the needs of the arts community has helped the Commission make better decisions and better serve the public.

This decision comes at an especially inopportune moment, as the PAC is currently researching and beginning development of a Master Art Plan for the City. Recently, two other Commissioners resigned, leaving us already short-handed. Learning the role and responsibilities of being a Commissioner takes time and effort, and having the majority of the Commission having to learn our processes and issues will impede the momentum the PAC has gained over the past several years.

We are proud of our recent accomplishments, including grant programs, many new art installations, and revisions to our ordinance. Much can be credited to the involvement and drive that Commissioner Farrell has provided.

I hope you will reconsider your decision and reappoint Mark Farrell to the Public Art Commission, where he will continue to benefit the arts community of Alameda.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Adam Gillitt, Chairperson
City of Alameda Public Art Commission
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<https://www.alamedaca.gov/Departments/Community-Development/Public-Art-Program>

From: [MARK FARRELL](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Fwd: I need your help!
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 1:26:55 PM

Dear Council Members and Mayor:

I'm writing to you about public art in Alameda as I have spent the last four years working diligently on the Public Art Commission to make our island even more beautiful. As a working artist, I am well positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda, especially at the present moment when the PAC is undertaking adoption of a Public Art Master Plan -- a process that has taken 6 months of research and discussion so far.

There are two vacant commissions currently and I am up for reappointment. I have gone through the interview process and I am hoping that I will be able to serve another four years working my hardest to bring more public art to our island city. In not reappointing me, the city will lose an experienced commissioner who knows how to get funds into the hands of artists who make Alameda a diverse and exciting place to live.

Sincerely,

Mark Farrell

415.261.1806

From: [Colin Blake](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Please Reappoint Mark Farrell to the Public Art Commission
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 1:08:40 PM

To the City of Alameda,

I believe you have a really critical opportunity in reappointing Mark Farrell to the Public Art Commission. Since there are already two empty seats, it's essential that the remaining seats be filled with commissioners who are experienced and committed to the process. As a working artist, and a dedicated member of the group, Mark is precisely what the commission needs.

I strongly urge you to retain him for the good of the arts in Alameda.

Sincerely,

Colin Blake

From: [Rebekah Balboni](#)
To: [City Clerk](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Art Commission
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 12:43:41 PM

Dear City Clerk,

I strongly urge you to reappoint Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with 4 years of experience on the commission, he is best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his hardest to bring more public art to our island city.

Thank you,

Rebekah Balboni, LCSW
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From: [Marja Moyer](#)
To: [Marja Moyer](#)
Subject: [EXTERNAL] REQUEST/Reappointment of Mark Farrell to Public Art Commission
Date: Wednesday, June 30, 2021 12:29:19 PM

Dear Council Members and Mayor,

I strongly urge the reappointment of Mark Farrell to the city's Public Art Commission. As a working artist with four years of experience on the commission, he is absolutely best positioned to continue supporting the arts in Alameda. I know Mark will continue working his most diligent to bring more public art to our island city.

To paraphrase John F. Kennedy: I look forward to an Alameda which will not be afraid of grace and beauty.

Thank you,

Marja Moyer
Alameda Resident

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