



**SAN DIEGO COUNTY
ARTS AND CULTURE COMMISSION**

CHAIR'S REPORT

DATE ISSUED: May 12, 2026

ATTENTION: Arts and Culture Commission

CONTACT: Jim Gilliam, Commission Chair

SUBJECT: Consider Creating a New Subcommittee or Expanding the Strategic Planning Committee's Role for the County's *Investing in San Diego County Arts and Culture Initiative*

REFERENCES: [San Diego County Administrative Ordinance Article IIIw Arts and Culture Commission Bylaws of the San Diego County Arts and Culture Commission](#)

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider creating a new ad hoc subcommittee or expanding the responsibilities of the Strategic Planning Committee to advise the Arts and Culture Commission on the implementation and ongoing support of the County of San Diego's *Investing in San Diego County Arts and Culture Initiative*.

SUMMARY:

The Arts and Culture Commission (Commission) established the Strategic Planning Committee on August 16, 2023, initially as a subcommittee and later as a standing committee. The purpose of the standing committee is to advise the Commission on the development and implementation of its strategic plan and related initiatives. Current committee members include Bob Lehman and Felicia Shaw (Co-Chairs), Jim Gilliam, and Sharlene O'Keefe.

The Commission may consider expanding the responsibilities of the Strategic Planning Committee to advise the Commission on the implementation and ongoing support of the County of San Diego's *Investing in San Diego County Arts and Culture Initiative*. This assignment would include providing input on program design, criteria and community engagement. One additional Commissioner may be appointed to the committee as needed.

Alternatively, the Commission may consider creating a new ad hoc subcommittee specifically tasked with advising the Commission on the implementation and ongoing support of the County of San Diego's *Investing in San Diego County Arts and Culture Initiative*. This subcommittee would provide input on program design, criteria and community engagement. Establishing a new subcommittee would require appointing a chair and vice-chair, along with up to three additional Commissioners. The ad hoc subcommittee would remain active until it has completed its assigned work.