



**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 Recommending Revisions to the Arts and Culture Commission Composition, Youth Members

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

ACTION REQUESTED:

Consider recommending revisions to the San Diego County Administration Ordinance Article IIIw, Arts and Culture Commission, to replace the three youth seats on the Commission with three designated seats for San Diego County artists, nominated by the Chief Administrative Officer. Alternatively, the Commission may choose to make no recommendation at this time.

SUMMARY:

Under the San Diego County Administrative Ordinance Article IIIw, the Arts and Culture Commission is composed of thirteen (13) members appointed by the Board of Supervisors. In addition to two appointments from each Supervisor, the Commission includes three youth members (ages 16–24 at the time of appointment) nominated by the Chief Administrative Officer. All members must be residents of San Diego County. Currently, two of the three youth seats are vacant, and these positions have historically experienced frequent turnover.

To address the vacancies, the County has issued a call for youth applicants to serve on the Commission, with an application deadline of May 26, 2026.

The Commission may consider recommending amendments to Article IIIw to replace the three youth seats with three seats designated for San Diego County artists. Alternatively, the Commission may choose to make no recommendation at this time and reassess after evaluating the outcome of the current recruitment effort for youth members.