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**Cc:** [Andrea Chelemengos](#)  
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I am writing to make sure that your new public art guidelines continue to designate "Art that signifies a political or religious statement" as Ineligible Works of Art. It appears that the redline version does not change that verbiage, but I am writing to make sure.

We do not need any contentious "art" that pushes a political point of view that only inflames and divides the community.

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Dear Council,

After several years of little or no budget, the **Los Altos Public Arts Commission** is now able to “repopulate” the City with wonderful, new public art. Note that the Commission continues to be mindful of making sure that current City-owned art assets are maintained and that the cadence of delivering community-involved art programs continues.

On September 30, 2021, the Los Altos Public Arts Commission completed its fifth Call for Art—which alerted artists across the country that the City of Los Altos was interested in displaying their art. The response was enthusiastic! As a result, the Commission selected 12 works from different artists representing cities / states, including: Santa Rosa, Boulder Creek, Berkeley, and Martinez, CA; Tempe, AZ; Washington, D.C.; Grand Junction, CO; and Lutherville, MD.

As you know, Arts Commission meetings are open to the public. Art under consideration is posted, prior to selection, for community input and comment. In fact because the Los Altos Public Arts Commission adheres to State and local transparency guidelines (Brown Act), it is significantly more open than other local arts nonprofit groups regarding selection and placement decisions.

Stay tuned for exciting new programs, Community Center (and community) art events, and new public sculptures across Los Altos.

Sincerely,

Nancy Ellickson  
Former Los Altos Arts Commissioner