



DATE: July 9, 2020

AGENDA ITEM # 1

**TO:** Public Arts Commission

**FROM:** Jon Maginot, Staff Liaison

**SUBJECT:** Artwork from The Justice Vanguard Foundation

**RECOMMENDATION:** Consider the potential purchase of artwork from The Justice Vanguard Foundation and approve the 30-day, temporary loan of artwork to the City

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## **BACKGROUND**

On July 3, 2020, The Justice Vanguard Foundation installed an artwork in Lincoln Park.

## **DISCUSSION**

Following the installation, a representative of the Foundation reached out to the City regarding the potential purchase of the artwork.

It is recommended that the Commission discuss the potential purchase of the artwork and approve a 30-day, temporary loan of the artwork to the City.

Attachments:

1. Email from Councilmember Jeannie Bruins showing portions of the artwork
2. Email request from Urna Bajracharya

**From:** [Jeannie Bruins](#)  
**To:** [Los Altos Public Arts Commission](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: Black is Beautiful Installation  
**Date:** Monday, July 6, 2020 4:15:19 PM

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Commissioners,

Thought I'd share this in case you haven't had an opportunity to visit Lincoln Park to see the art created. First is the flyer about the event. Next are some photos of some of the pieces. The chalk drawings have already begun to fade.

Enjoy!

# BLACK IS BEAUTIFUL

COME LEARN ABOUT HOW WE ARE WORKING TO  
BETTER EDUCATE AND UNITE OUR COMMUNITY.



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Lincoln Park

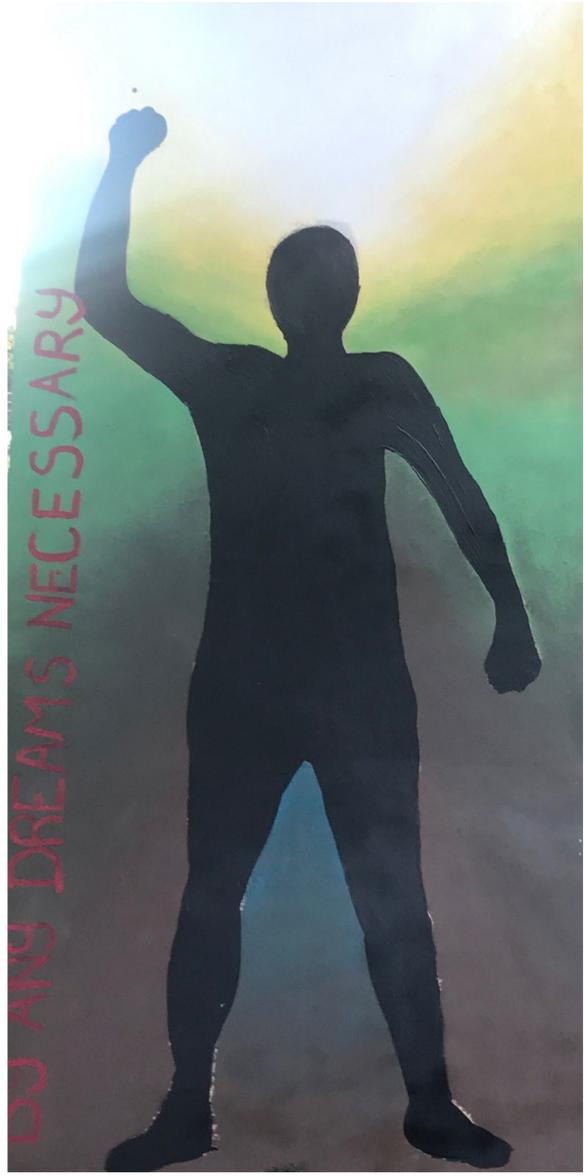
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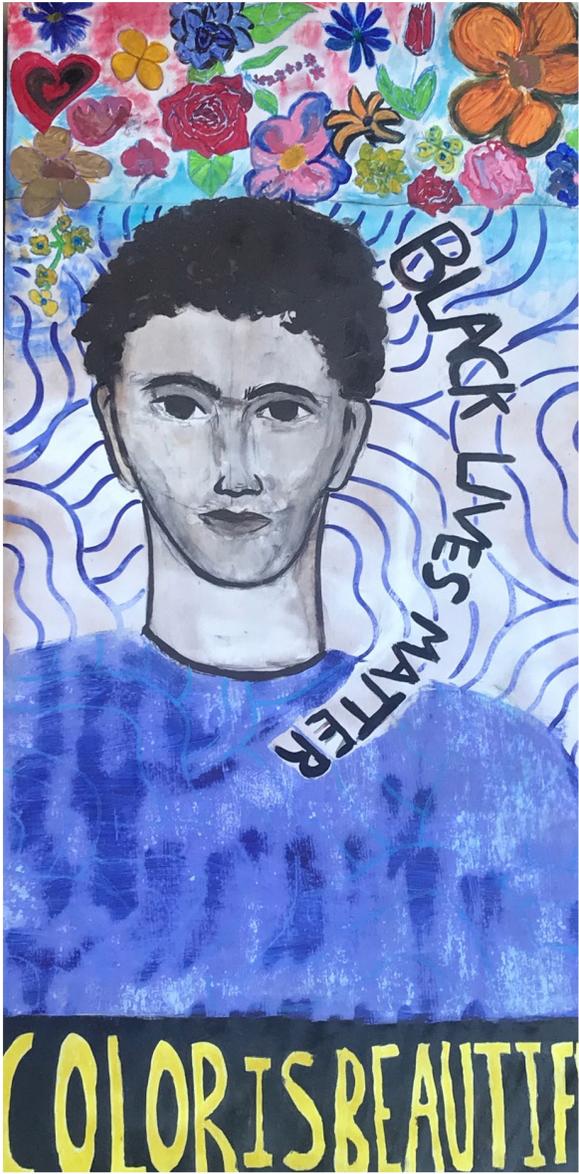
Join us as we create  
street art!

Los Altos

3 P.M.







**From:** [REDACTED]  
**To:** [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** Justice Vanguard- Lincoln Park Artwork  
**Date:** Saturday, July 4, 2020 8:24:12 PM

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Hi Jon,

My name is Urna Bajracharya and I am a member of the Los Altos community. I am an Art director of The Justice Vanguard Foundation, a local organization for the BLM movement, who coordinated the Black Is Beautiful event on Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> held at Lincoln Park.

I am writing to you because we as a foundation strongly believe that Los Altos City should purchase these artworks to be publicly and permanently placed in the community.

On Friday, many members of the Los Altos community showed up (with masks of course) to learn more about what a BLM education is, what defunding the police means, and to help make art. At the end of the day, we had created numerous beautifully painted 4ftx8ft panels that showed empowerment and solidarity with the lives of Black People and Black Trans people.

In purchasing these works, Los Altos would be taking an important step in promoting conversations that foster equity of colored community members.

Please let me know if you have any questions at all.

I would be happy to engage with you,  
Urna

[theblackhub.org](http://theblackhub.org)