

Memorandum



Date: April 9, 2024

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Interim Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-18 / Nicole Salcedo – Palm Breeze and Seagrape Welcome / Conservation and Repair Service Agreement

Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-18

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH NICOLE SALCEDO IN THE NOT-TO-EXCEED AMOUNT OF \$7,000.00 FOR CONSERVATION AND REPAIR SERVICE OF COLLECTION ARTWORK PALM BREEZE AND SEAGRAPE WELCOME AT THE FATHER MARQUESS BARRY APARTMENT BUILDING (FROM ART IN PUBLIC PLACES REPAIR AND RESTORATION FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Nicole Salcedo in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,000.00 for conservation and repair services of collection artwork *Palm Breeze and Seagrape Welcome* at the Father Marquess Barry Apartment building.

Background

On 2021, Miami-based artist Nicole Salcedo completed *Palm Breeze and Seagrape Welcome*, a 900 square feet terrazzo floor at the new Father Marquess Barry Apartments, a housing facility owned by Miami-Dade Department of Public Housing and Community Development (PHCD) and operated by housing developer HTG. The cementitious exterior floor features the artist's stylistic renditions of native plants of South Florida and the Caribbean. The designs created a sense of movement while serving as a welcoming and wayfinding visual experience that connected the main access and exit points to the apartment's ground floor lobby and the adjacent multi-purpose room.

In the Fall of 2023, the building manager notified APP of potential damage to several areas in the artwork floor. After performing a visit and preliminary assessment, APP staff confirmed a major crack in the pathway leading to the building's main lobby entrance and a number of smaller surface cracks along the edge where the terrazzo meets the adjoining paved area. In consultation with the artist, APP conducted follow-up visits with two local terrazzo contractors to determine the cause of damage and request repair estimates. The consensus to date points to potential settlement and cracking in the floor's concrete substrate transferring the damage to the terrazzo surface.

The most comprehensive estimate in the amount of \$5,500.00 includes an exploratory phase to confirm the root problem, repair all terrazzo surface cracks with compatible materials, and the repolishing, cleaning, and resealing of the entire terrazzo artwork. Depending on the outcome of the exploratory phase, the Father Marquess Barry management team has agreed to cover the additional expense associated with the repair of the defective concrete substrate and to provide, at no charge

to APP, support services needed to perform the artist's contractor services. The artist's proposed budget of \$7,000.00 covers the costs of the terrazzo repairs and the artist's oversight of the work in close collaboration with APP staff and the building management team.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-18 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Nicole Salcedo in the not-to-exceed amount of \$7,000.00 for conservation and repair services of collection artwork *Palm Breeze and Seagrape Welcome* at the Father Marquess Barry apartment building.