

Memorandum



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To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution
No. APPT 24 - 48 / Appointment to the Professional Advisory Committee

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RESOLUTION APPROVING THE APPOINTMENT OF RAYMOND FORT TO THE ART IN PUBLIC PLACES PROFESSIONAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE (PAC).

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve the appointment of Raymod Fort to the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee (PAC.)

Background

On July 23, 2024, a meeting of the Art in Public Places Trust Executive Committee comprised of Carol Damian, Chair, and Maggie Hernandez, APP Trust Executive Committee Member At Large, convened to discuss the nomination of Mr. Raymond Fort to the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) and to review the current PAC roster and the anticipated need for membership replacement for members with expiring terms. Nominations are received from standing PAC, Trust members, and APP staff. All potential candidates are vetted in advance by APP staff to assess their interest in public art and availability to serve.

APP staff presented the qualifications of Raymond Fort, noting the need for the PAC to secure high level architectural professionals with active practices and or academic credentials in that field. It was noted that Jason Tapia, current PAC Member and architectural specialist, will term out in February of 2025, and that Mr. Fort current and willing interest for participation offers the PAC with the same critical skills that make the artist selection process successful. Though, Mr. Tapia's will complete his PAC service term, Mr. Fort will replace PAC member and art expert Omar Lopez-Chahud, who completed his (3) consecutive 2-year terms with the PAC. Nominations for highly qualified candidates with arts expertise will take place in the winter of 2024 to fill at least one or more PAC appointments.

Raymond Fort, AIA, Vice President and Project Designer at Arquitectonica, graduated from Columbia University School of Architecture, Planning and Preservation with a Master of Science in Advanced Architectural Design. Raymond also holds a Bachelor of Architecture degree from the Cornell University School of Architecture. Raymond previously served on the Coconut Grove Village Council and the Business Improvement District Committee and is an advocate for safe bike lanes and sustainability. He also served as an Adjunct Professor at the University of Miami and Florida International University, Schools of Architecture as well as a juror at Cornell University School of Architecture. As a Vice President and Design Lead at Arquitectonica, Raymond joined Arquitectonica in 2012 and has served as designer, planner and project

manager for some of the firm's most creative projects including developments in Wynwood, Brickell, Miami Design District and Coconut Grove.

Upon careful review and discussion of Mr. Fort's credentials and qualifications, the Trust Executive Committee recommended advancing Raymond Fort to replace PAC member Omar Lopez-Chahoud who reached his term limit as of May of 2024.

The Trust Executive Committee and APP staff recommend the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 24-48 appointing Raymond Fort to the Art in Public Places Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) and amending the current roster of this 11- member committee as follows:

1. Dejha Carrington
2. Leslie Goldberg
3. Melissa Hunter Davis
4. Jennifer Inacio
5. Raymond Fort
6. Gean Moreno
7. Chana Sheldon
8. Jason Tapia
9. Wanda Texon
10. Marie Vickles
11. James Voorhies