

Memorandum



Date: March 11, 2025
To: Chair and Members
 Art in Public Places Trust
From: Marialaura Leslie, Director
 Department of Cultural Affairs
Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-14 / Loni Johnson – Civil and Probate
 Courthouse / Addendum I

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RESOLUTION APPROVING ADDENDUM I TO THE PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH LONI JOHNSON IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$70,000.00 FOR PHASE II- FABRICATION AND INSTALLATION SERVICES FOR THE CIVIL AND PROBATE COURTHOUSE ARTWORK PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE COUNTY PEOPLE AND INTERNAL OPERATIONS DEPARTMENT PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

Recommendation

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve Addendum I to the Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Loni Johnson in the fixed fee amount of \$70,000.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation Services for the Civil and Probate Courthouse artwork project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on January 25 - 27, 2023 to review design proposals from a group of seventeen (17) artists shortlisted from a national Call to Artists for a combined series of public art opportunities for the Civil and Probate Courthouse, located in Downtown Miami on NW 1st Ave between Flagler St and NW 1st Street. This public-private development will serve the Civil and Probate Divisions of the Eleventh Judicial Circuit of Florida, the Clerk of Courts and other related court partners including administrative services, court-related programs, court support functions, and facility management services. On March XX through approval of Trust Resolution 23-17, the Trust concurred with the PAC recommendation to commission Miami-based artist Loni Johnson in the total amount of \$100,000.00 and authorized a Professional Artist Services agreement in the initial amount of \$30,000.00 for full development of the artist's proposal concept for one of the typical courtroom lobby walls.

In close collaboration with the APP team and Judicial staff, the artist has successfully completed the development of a large-scale mixed media design inspired by select events of her family's multi-generational history of migration and settlement in the southern part of Miami-Dade County. The approved and final design is comprised of a series of enclosed rectilinear shadow boxes containing original historical and family photographs and organized in various layers and clusters across the vibrant pink wall background. In addition to black and white photography, the boxes will feature ornate mixed-media assemblages of materials such as shells, jewelry, beads, glitter,

all universal symbols of luck and protection. Gold paint and gilded effects within the shadow boxes will create a luminous warmth and vibrancy, evoking a feeling of comfort and familiarity.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 25-14 authorizing Addendum I to a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Loni Johnson in the fixed fee amount of \$70,000.00 for Phase II – Fabrication and Installation for the Civil and Probate Courthouse artwork project.