

# Memorandum



**Date:** May 12, 2026

**To:** Chair and Members  
Art in Public Places Trust

**From:** Ashlee K. Thomas, Interim Director  
Department of Cultural Affairs

**Subject:** Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-29 / Gabriel Alcala – Miami LIVE! / Professional Artist Services Agreement

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## **Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-29**

RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH GABRIEL ALCALA IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$30,000.00 FOR DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK MURAL FOR THE MIAMI LIVE! ENTERTAINMENT DEVELOPMENT AT THE MIAMI MARLINS LOANDEPOT PARK (FROM THE MIAMI BALLPARK DISTRICT HOLDING COMPANY, LLC PUBLIC ART FUNDS)

### **Recommendation**

It is recommended that the Art in Public Places Trust approve a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Gabriel Alcala in the fixed fee amount of \$30,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of the artwork mural for the Miami LIVE! entertainment development at the Marlins LoanDepot Park.

### **Background**

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on May 1, 2026 to review design proposals from a group of seven (7) Miami-based artists shortlisted for multiple public art opportunities at a new entertainment venue being developed on the West Plaza of the Marlins LoanDepot Park. The private partnership between the Miami Marlins and The Cordish Group proposes to create a year-round community hub featuring indoor-outdoor dining, live entertainment, cultural programming, sustainable design elements, and public art. Artists opportunities included a stand-alone sculpture on the west plaza as well as a mural on a nearby wall structure.

For the mural opportunity, the PAC unanimously recommended Miami-based artist Gabriel Alcala to pursue his original mural concept including a simplified form of a rooster, conch shell, sun, and palm trees; elements that create a simple and striking visual language that reflects the energy of the Miami Marlins while honoring the cultural identity of its surrounding community. The PAC recommended working with the artist to explore the feasibility of implementing the mural in a durable tile mosaic, a style deeply embedded in the visual language of Little Havana, particularly along Calle Ocho, where vibrant tilework tells stories of heritage, resilience, and everyday life. The mural is envisioned to create a meaningful bridge between the stadium and its neighborhood.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 26-29 authorizing a Professional Artist Services agreement in substantially the form attached with Gabriel Alcala in

the fixed amount of \$30,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and Installation of the artwork mural for the Miami LIVE! Entertainment development at the Marlins LoanDepot Park.