

Memorandum



Date: September 12, 2023

To: Chair and Members
Art in Public Places Trust

From: Michael Spring, Director
Department of Cultural Affairs

Subject: Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-48 / Alexandra Nuñez – Doral Library /
Professional Artist Services Agreement

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RESOLUTION APPROVING A PROFESSIONAL ARTIST SERVICES AGREEMENT IN SUBSTANTIALLY THE FORM ATTACHED WITH ALEXANDRA NUNEZ IN THE FIXED FEE AMOUNT OF \$105,000.00 FOR THE DESIGN, FABRICATION, AND INSTALLATION OF THE ARTWORK CONCEPT FOR THE DORAL LIBRARY PROJECT (FROM MIAMI-DADE LIBRARY DEPARTMENT 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 Alexandra Nuñez in the fixed fee amount of \$105,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of the artwork concept for the Doral Library project.

Background

A meeting of the Professional Advisory Committee (PAC) was held on August 24, 2023 to review design concepts from a group of eight (8) artists invited to propose for the new Doral Library. Located across from the Downtown Doral Park and next to City of Doral City Hall (NW 54 Terrace and 84 Avenue), this new 3-story high facility takes advantage of an open floor plan, modern design and materials, and quality views. Opportunities for public art included but were not limited to applications to the north exterior wall stair tower, a suspended artist designed sculpture and lighting element or application to interior atrium and stairwell wall, and / or durable application beneath the exterior roof terrace canopy.

After careful deliberation and feedback from the client team, the PAC recommended commissioning Miami-based artist Alexandra Nuñez to pursue a combination of her proposals for an interior suspended artwork and an exterior glass mosaic tile mural featuring a range of opalescent and iridescent glass tiles on the underside of the third-floor canopy. Both concepts are based on the artist's body of work entitled "Beneath the Palms," evoking the experience of looking up through and reading beneath palm leaves and fronds. The non-repeating palm forms are rendered exuberantly in a range of organic shapes and vibrant colors.

APP staff recommends the approval of Trust Resolution No. APPT 23-48 authorizing a Professional Artist Services Agreement in substantially the form attached with Alexandra Nuñez in the fixed fee amount of \$105,000.00 for the design, fabrication, and installation of the artwork concept for the new Doral Library project.