## ALAMEDA COUNTY FIRE DEPARTMENT

## Public Art Projects

Castro Valley, Dublin & San Lorenzo

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The **Alameda County Arts Commission** is a division of the County of Alameda. The Arts Commission supports all art forms and creative expression such as music, drama, dance, theater, visual, traditional, new media, etc. The activities of the Arts Commission are based on the belief that arts, culture and creativity are essential to our successful and thriving community.

#### **PROGRAM AREAS**



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## **Overview**

The Alameda County Arts Commission manages the County's Public Art Program which presents artworks in County buildings and in outdoor spaces throughout the unincorporated areas of Alameda County. The goal of the Public Art Program is to provide positive art experiences for the community.

The Alameda County Arts Commission is partnering with the Alameda County Fire Department on public art projects for the first phase of construction projects funded by Measure X, the Alameda County Fire Department Fire Safety Bond.

Current Measure X Projects include Fire Station #7 in Castro Valley (Palomares Hills), Fire Station #22 in San Lorenzo, and Fire Station #25 in Castro Valley (San Miguel Ave). Additionally, the new Fire Training Center in Dublin is also a current project, but is not funded by Measure X.

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## **Community Involvement Opportunities**

Professional artists will be commissioned to create new artworks for each project. The Arts Commission seeks community members to serve on the Artist Selection Committees and to give feedback during the project.

The goal is to assemble four committees, one for each project, with community members who have diverse experiences and perspectives, and are interested in contributing to the success of the projects. Artist Selection Committee Members must live, work, or own a business in Castro Valley, Dublin or San Lorenzo.

Share your thoughts and ideas through the Community Survey! Your responses will be shared with the Artist Selection Committees and the artists who will be invited to make proposals. Your ideas will help influence the final selected artworks.

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## **Public Art Process**

The Arts Commission will follow the County's standard public art procedures including the creation of a public art plan, and the selection and contracting of professional artists.

The Office of the Arts Commission will manage a competitive process to select an artist and artwork proposal for each site.

The Alameda County Artist Registry will be used for these projects.

- The Artist Registry was established in 2021 and is a group of prequalified artists who were selected through an open competitive process and includes artists from 14 Bay Area regional counties.
- A Project Pool of artists from the Artist Registry was identified and approved by the Alameda County
  Public Art Advisory Committee and the appointed members of the Alameda County Arts Commission
  for the ACFD and Mission Blvd projects.
- Only those artists will be considered for these opportunities.
- The Artist Registry will be reopened to new artists in 2026.

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## **Public Art Process**

There will be a unique Artist Selection Committee for each project comprised of community members and ACFD representatives.

Each Artist Selection Committee will review the Artist Project Pool of 70+ artists, which was formed using the Alameda County Artist Registry.

Artist Selection Committees will identify 5-6 artists to create proposals for each project. Proposals will be shown to the public in the Summer of 2025 to gather feedback. An artist and artwork proposal for each site will be recommended by the Committee.

Reviews will be conducted by the Alameda County Public Art Advisory Committee, the appointed members of the Alameda County Arts Commission and project partners.

The recommended artists' contracts for all projects will be presented to the Alameda County Board of Supervisors and the Board of Directors of the ACFD for approval.

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### **Public Art Process**

The artwork locations vary by project. It is anticipated that all of the projects will utilize the same material for the final installation which is panelized porcelain enamel on steel. Porcelain enamel on steel is a highly durable material that is commonly used for permanent public artworks.

For each project, a professional artist will be commissioned to create new 2-dimensional artworks specifically for the designated project. Artists working in a variety of 2-dimensional materials will be considered. High-quality scans or photos of the artworks will be taken and then the imagery will be used in the fabrication process.

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## **Public Art Process**

The goal for these ACFD public art projects is to generate positive, uplifting art experiences for the community and to honor the work of the Alameda County Fire Department.

An artist may be selected as a semifinalist for more than one project and may also be awarded a contract for more than one project. The artwork design for each facility will be unique.

The artists' proposals will be selected in the Fall of 2025 and their contracts will be approved in late 2025 or early 2026. The anticipated completion dates of the three Fire Stations range between late 2026 and mid-2027. The anticipated completion date of the Fire Training Center is late 2026.

## ACFD Fire Station #7 – Castro Valley (Palomares Hills) Location of Public Artworks





Fire Station #7 - Artwork Sites

Site A approximately: 10' H x 16' W. Site B approximately: 10' H x 13' W

## ACFD Fire Station #25 – Castro Valley (San Miguel Ave) Location of Public Artworks



#### Fire Station #25 - Artwork Sites

Art site is on each side of the low art wall/station identification sign.

Art area size approximately: 3-4' H x 20' W

## **ACFD Fire Station #22 – San Lorenzo Location of Public Artworks**



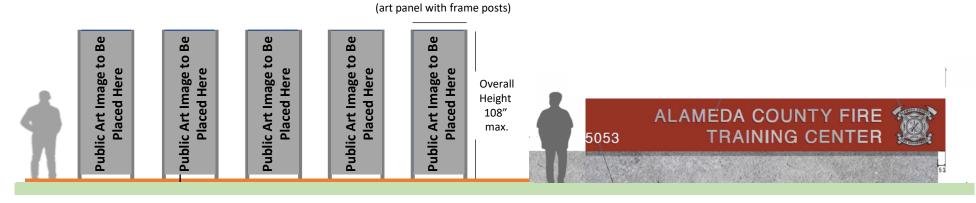
#### Fire Station #22 - Artwork Sites

Site A is on each side of the low art wall/station identification sign. Site A approximately: 3-4' H x 20' W. The same imagery will be on both sides.

Site B approximately: 11' H x 8' W

## Fire Training Center in Dublin Location of Public Artworks





#### **Fire Training Center Art Site**

Five free standing Art Elements. Approx. 9' H x 3.5' W including frame and art panel. Each element may be a different size.

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### Submit your Interest to Serve on the Artist Selection Committees by March 27, 2025

The Arts Commission seeks 2-3 community members to serve on each of the Artist Selection Committees. Each Committee will also include 3-4 Alameda County Fire Department representatives.

The goal is to assemble four committees, one for each project, with community members who have diverse experiences and perspectives, and are interested in contributing to the success of the projects. Committee Members must live, work, or own a business in Castro Valley, Dublin or San Lorenzo.

#### Four Artist Selection Committee Meetings in 2025

Fire Station #7
Castro Valley, Palomares
Wed. May 7, 10-11:30am
(in-person)
Wed. May 21, 10-11:30am
(online)
Wed. Oct 22, 9:30am-3pm
(in-person)

Fire Station #22
San Lorenzo
Tues. April 29, 10-11:30am
(in-person)
Tues. May 20, 10-11:30am
(online)
Fri. Oct 24, 9:30am-3pm
(in-person)

Fire Station #25
Castro Valley, San Miguel
Wed. April 30, 10-11:30am
(in-person)
Wed. May 21, 2-3:30pm
(online)
Tues. Oct 28, 9:30am-3pm
(in-person)

Fire Training Center
Dublin
Tues. May 6, 10-11:30am
(in-person)
Tues. May 20, 2-3:30pm
(online)
Thurs. Oct 30, 9:30am-3pm
(in-person)

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## Future Opportunities for Community Participation

- Submit your Interest to serve on the Artist Selection Committees by March 27, 2025
- Share Your Feedback through the Community Survey
- Sign-up to be on the Arts Commission email list and receive updates about these opportunities.
   Send us an email at artscommission@acgov.org to be added to the email list.
- Participate in a Community Roundtable at the Castro Valley Library on June 24 from 6:30 8:00pm.
- Give your feedback on the different artwork proposals when on view in the Summer 2025.
- Participate in community meetings and presentations about the project (dates to be announced).

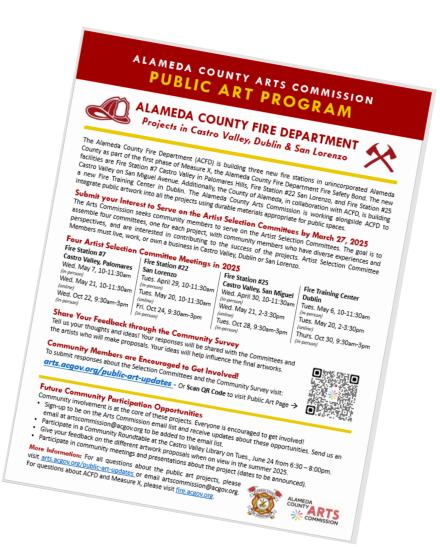
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## Community Members are Encouraged to Get Involved!

Visit arts.acgov.org/public-art-updates



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### **More Information**

For questions about the Alameda County Arts Commission Public Art Program and this project, please visit <a href="mailto:arts.acgov.org/public-art-updates">arts.acgov.org/public-art-updates</a> or email artscommission@acgov.org.

For questions about the Alameda County Fire Department, and the Measure X and Training Center Projects, please visit <a href="fire.acgov.org">fire.acgov.org</a>.



