



# CITY of ESCONDIDO

## SPECIAL PUBLIC ART COMMISSION MEETING

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May 29, 2025 at 4:30 PM  
Council Chambers: 201 North Broadway, Escondido, CA 92025

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### WELCOME TO YOUR COMMISSION MEETING

We welcome your interest and involvement in the legislative process of Escondido. This agenda includes information about topics coming before the Commission.

#### CHAIR

Carol Rogers

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Patricia Spann

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THURSDAY, MAY 29, 2025

### FLAG SALUTE

### ROLL CALL

### ORAL COMMUNICATION

#### 1. RECONSIDERATION OF GRAND AVE ROUDABOUT ART PROJECT RFQ PROCESS

##### **RECOMMENDATION:**

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##### **BACKGROUND:**

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As a result, City Staff has determined that a recusal is required (see attached letter) and that the Grand Avenue Roundabout RFQ process should be restarted.

##### **ATTACHMENTS:**

Recusal Letter

### ADJOURNMENT

#### **HOW TO PARTICIPATE**

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##### **In Person**



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# STAFF REPORT

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Agenda Item No. 1

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**ATTACHMENTS:**

1. Recusal Letter

May 21, 2025

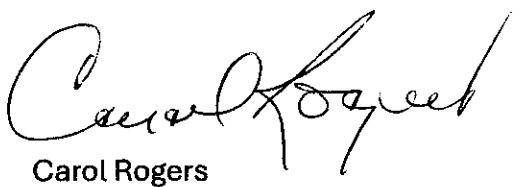
Escondido Public Art Commission

As Chair of the Public Art Commission, I want to address a concern that has recently come to light regarding the evaluation process for the artist submissions to the Grand Ave Roundabout RFQ.

It was brought to my attention that the proper course of action would have been for me to recuse myself from the subcommittee meeting where artist applications were reviewed, as my husband, James Stone, had submitted a proposal. While I did not speak during the meeting or advocate on his behalf, I understand that simply being present can raise concerns about the fairness and integrity of the process. I take full responsibility for this oversight.

Transparency and trust are fundamental to the work we do in public art, and I fully support the recommendation from staff to restart the RFQ process to ensure a clean and equitable evaluation moving forward.

I sincerely regret any confusion or concerns this situation may have caused, especially to the artists who submitted their work in good faith and to the community we serve. We are committed to learning from this and ensuring that all future processes are beyond reproach.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Carol Rogers", with a stylized, flowing script.

Carol Rogers