

A Resolution

NO. _____

APPOINTING AN ARTS FUNDING TASK FORCE TO ADVISE THE CITY COUNCIL ABOUT THE CITY'S FINANCIAL SUPPORT FOR ARTS AND CULTURAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS

WHEREAS the arts and other cultural activities represent a vital aspect of Fort Worth's community identity, economic vitality, and quality of life as set forth in the Arts and Culture element of the City's Comprehensive Plan; and

WHEREAS the City Council in the past has allocated resources from the Culture and Tourism Fund to support arts and cultural exchange programs through annual contracts with the Arts Council of Fort Worth and Tarrant County ("Arts Council") and Fort Worth Sister Cities International ("Sister Cities"), respectively; and

WHEREAS the City Council in the fiscal year 2013 budget has allocated \$549,690.00 from the General Fund to the Arts Council and no funding to Sister Cities; and

WHEREAS, in view of growing demands upon the General Fund's limited resources, the City Council wishes to identify a more reliable source of City funding for arts and cultural exchange programs; and

WHEREAS the City Council wishes to appoint an ad hoc task force of diverse community leaders to advise the City Council about the City's financial support for arts and cultural exchange programs;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FORT WORTH, TEXAS:

Section 1. The City Council hereby appoints an Arts Funding Task Force to be comprised of ten members, as follows:

1. **Robert D. Benda**, Chair, Arts Funding Task Force;
2. **Becky Renfro Borbolla**;
3. **Johnny Campbell**;
4. **Mike Hyatt**;
5. **Greg Ibanez**;
6. **Brian Newby**;
7. **Whit Smith**;
8. **Jennifer Trevino**;
9. **Tracy Williams**; and
10. **Julie Wilson**.



Section 2. The City Council requests that the Arts Funding Task Force determine the feasibility and desirability of City funding for local arts and cultural exchange programs; identify alternatives to the General Fund as potential sources of funding for these programs; assess the legal basis, appropriateness, capacity, stability, and relative merits of those potential funding sources; conduct one or more public meetings to receive public comments; and provide the City Council with a final report of its findings and recommendations no later than March 31, 2013.

Section 3. The City Council requests that the City Manager and the City Attorney provide the Arts Funding Task Force with appropriate staff support.

Adopted this 18th day of December, 2012.

ATTEST:

By: _____

Mary J. Kayser, City Secretary

