RESOLUTION NO. 2024-24

A RESOLUTION OF THE ALBANY CITY COUNCIL AUTHORIZING THE USE OF ART IN PUBLIC PLACES FUNDING FOR THE PURCHASE OF JEFF DOWNING'S SCULPTURE, BARRED SPIRAL

WHEREAS, the mission of the Sculpture Loan Program is to recognize local artists as important cultural resources and to install large-scale artwork throughout Albany to broaden public awareness and encourage dialogue about public art; and

WHEREAS, selected sculptures are on display for two years in a highly visible outdoor location and at the end of the two-year loan, the City and artist consider different options such as continuing the loan for an additional two years, removal of the sculpture, donation to the City, or selling the sculpture to the City or a third party; and

WHEREAS, the sculpture Barred Spiral, by Jeff Downing, is currently on display at the corner of Washington and Masonic Avenues on the Ohlone Greenway and was installed as part of the City's Sculpture Loan Program with a loan term of May 9, 2022 - May 8, 2024; and

WHEREAS, the Arts Committee voted unanimously at their March 2024 meeting to recommend to the City Council the purchase Jeff Downing's sculpture, Barred Spiral; and

WHEREAS, if purchased by the City, the sculpture will remain at its current location as a permanent public art piece and the City will continue to maintain the site, cement base, and plaque, and maintenance of the public art piece will shift to the City upon the purchase.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Albany City Council hereby authorizes the use of Art in Public Places funding for the purchase of Jeff Downing's sculpture, Barred Spiral, for $4,800.

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JOHN MIKI, MAYOR