

#### 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mural

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The Mesa Arts Center's mission: To create meaningful arts experiences in Mesa for everyone





## Goals:

- Celebrating our 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.
- Opportunity to create a welcoming entryway to the Mesa Art Center's Campus from Center Street.
- Continue to respond to interest and energy about adding public art to our Mesa environments.
- Create a beacon to viewers, communicating that Mesa is an innovative, welcoming community.
- Authentically enhance the sense of place.



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"Welcome Home" Mural by Shepard Fairey Painted on Baker Block Costa Mesa, CA Completed in 2018

#### **Shepard Fairey**



#### **Current Process:**

- Artist submitted three (3) options of artwork responding to the Mesa Climate Action Plan to be considered by City Council for selection.
  - Reviewed and recommendations provided by the Museum and Culture Advisory Board (MCAB).
  - Three (3) additional options may be provided if none are selected.
  - May select for one or both walls.
  - If none are selected, option to terminate artist contract and/or move to Request For Proposal (RFP) process if none are selected.
- If an Option is selected:
  - Mural installation to remain on the site for at least two (2) years.
  - The City will maintain the mural unless it becomes damaged and repair would not be appropriate, feasible, or cost-effective.
  - Mural installation anticipated for Spring 2025 to conclude the 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary celebrations.





- The mural to take approx. 3 days to complete, with 3-5 artist team members.
- Up to \$30,000 reimbursement stipend funded by the Mesa Arts Center Foundation to cover the costs of materials/supplies and travel.
- Artists fees for design and mural art to be donated by Shepard Fairey.



# Art Selection Consideration & Recommendation





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#### Options Provided by Artist: Wall 1







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Options Provided by Artist: Wall 2

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#### MCAB & Staff Recommendation:

Both options for 'C' to be removed from consideration as they did not meet request to reflect Mesa community and/or City priorities.

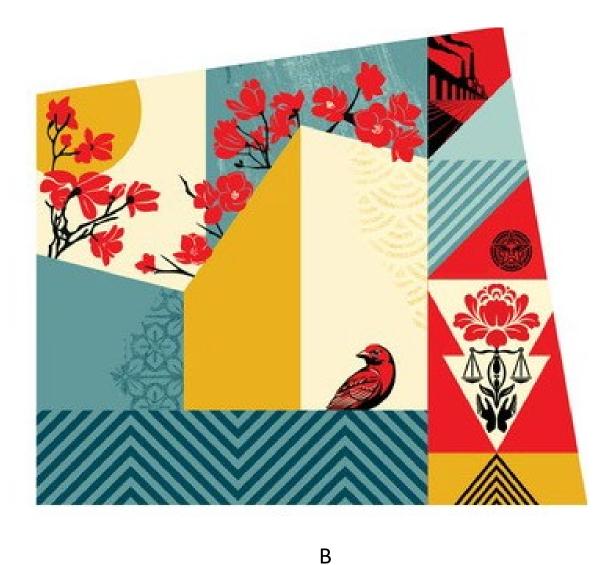
- Wall 1: "Desert Today Ocean Tomorrow" and "Ocean Today Desert Tomorrow"
  - Represents the New Mexico desert and ocean, lacks Mesa connection
- Wall 2: Arts Vote
  - Request for emphasis on a Mesa City Council Strategic priority not reflected
  - Includes text











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#### Options for Consideration: Wall 1



#### Options for Consideration: Wall 2



#### MCAB Recommendation- Pair #1 (Example to Scale)



#### MCAB & Staff Recommendation- Pair #2 (Example to Scale)





### **Seeking Council Direction**

**Options for Consideration:** 

- Select mural from provided options for one or both walls.
- Move forward with recommendations from MCAB and Staff.
- Seek Three (3) additional options from Artist.
- Terminate artist contract and/or move to Request For Proposal (RFP) process if none are selected.



# Thank you Questions or Comments?