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Community Services Dept. Council Memo No. 06-176

DATE: April 25, 2007

TO: MAYOR AND COUNCIL

THRU: W. MARK PENTZ, CITY MANAGER *WMP*
MARK M. EYNATTEN, COMMUNITY SERVICES DIRECTOR *ME*
KATRINA MUELLER, ARTS CENTER MANAGER *KDM*

FROM: ERIC FAULHABER, VISUAL ARTS COORDINATOR *EF*

SUBJECT: RECOMMENDATION TO PURCHASE ORIGINAL ARTWORKS
SELECTED DURING ARTS COMMISSION CURATORIAL REVIEW
PROJECT

DESCRIPTION: The purchase of 15 painting and mixed media, photograph and print artworks to be included in the City of Chandler's public art collection and placed permanently on display in public buildings throughout the city.

BACKGROUND: The Chandler Arts Commission was established in 1983 in order to create and administer a public art program for the enjoyment of citizens and visitors to Chandler. Over the years, more than 143 unique works of art have been commissioned or purchased and placed in municipal buildings, parks and street corners. Funding for these public artworks is made available through a city ordinance that allocates 1% of eligible capital improvement projects such as new buildings and parks.

In 2006 the Chandler Arts Commission released a Call to Curators and hired fine art curator Martina Shenal to evaluate and recommend purchases for the City of Chandler's public art collection. With the mission to continue to strive for artistic excellence and maintain a diverse public art collection, the Chandler Arts Commission spent over one year evaluating artworks owned by the city. Through this process, the Arts Commission members worked to develop a strategy for refining the public art collection by looking to acquire artworks that are viable and will offer stability in investment. The curator who was hired recommended two-dimensional mediums due to their lack of representation within the collection. The artworks submitted for consideration are by a range of southwestern, culturally diverse artists who have a significant presence through galleries, museums, and representation. The final 15 artworks selected by the Chandler Arts Commission represent national, as well as regional artists, and will bring to Chandler a significant and diverse addition to our public art collection.

The Chandler Arts Commission recommends the approval of the purchase of these artworks to be included in the City of Chandler's Public Art collection, and placed permanently on display in civic buildings throughout the city.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS: Total cost for 15 two-dimensional artworks is \$57,500.00. The expenditure will be charged to the Municipal Arts Fund in the Arts Center budget, line item 423-1100-5219. This is not a general fund expenditure. Purchase orders will be used as the contracts for the purchase of these artworks.

PROPOSED MOTION: Move to approve the purchase of 15 two-dimensional artworks by artists Mayme Kratz, Emmi Whitehorse, Hamlett Dobbins, Carrie Seid, Don Estes, Joseph Scheer, Lucinda Young, Kate Breakey, Willie Cole, Vernon Fisher, Michael Kenna, Alison Dunn, Richard Misrach, Lawrence Gipe and Rana Rochet for an expenditure of \$57,500.00.