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From: Michelle Breyer <mich.breyer@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, February 26, 2024 12:27 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arts Commission Finalist

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Here is my letter to be given to the Mayor and City Council prior to the March meeting.

Dear Mayor Blackburn and esteemed City Council Members,

My name is Michelle Breyer and I am honored to be a finalist for the Carlsbad Arts Council position. I have been an active member of Carlsbad since moving here in 1986 and absolutely love our community and all that it has to offer. I just retired in January and am looking to volunteer my time, experience, and expertise. I am organized, dependable, and a very hard worker. I get along well with others and have learned to be diplomatic yet assertive through my many years of teaching Middle School.

I began my career at La Costa Meadows Elementary where I taught 3rd and 6th grade. During the 4 years I was home with babies I wrote multiple thematic units or instructional books for educators which were then adopted by many schools in our region. After having kids, I moved to San Marcos Middle School in 1998 and began an extensive and comprehensive Studio Art program utilizing Art Appreciation and responses, Art and Cultural History, as well as teaching skills in drawing, painting, printmaking, sculpture, collage, and metal tooling. I also began a class-based Instagram Account for families and other art teachers around the world. Upon retiring we had over 14,000 followers that I worked with to help utilize the projects and steps demonstrated on our account. You can see the types of projects we did @smms_studio_art. I have a degree in Sociology and Diversified Liberal Arts from UCLA, a Multiple Subject, Art, Language Arts, and History teaching credential, as well as a Masters in Education for Curriculum and Instruction

Over the years I have volunteered and worked with programs in different capacities. For several years I worked with Tonya Rodzach to put together the Family Arts Carnival section of ArtSplash. We developed the activities, organized and gathered all supplies, organized the student volunteers from multiple schools, set-up, and cleaned-up. We worked with the ArtSplash committee and enjoyed this community event tremendously. For several years, while my kids were at Kelly School, I acted as the Arts in Education liaison to attend the monthly meetings and report back to the campus to help implement the activities, resources, and events. More recently, I have volunteered at Leo Carrillo Ranch for the Dia De Los Muertos celebrations. I have lent decorations, dressed up, and helped others with costumes and make-up for the event. Last year I painted a thematic banner to donate to the venue to use year after year. I currently plan to become a regular volunteer at the Ranch and enjoy other opportunities they offer.

I do not enter this position with any personal agenda other than to help the city fulfill its vision of promoting the Arts for all of our community members. I hope that together we can make some wonderful things happen for our great city!

Sincerely,
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From: Nora George <norageorge7@gmail.com>
Sent: Tuesday, February 27, 2024 1:47 PM
To: City Clerk
Cc: Suzanne Smithson; Tammy Cloud-McMinn
Subject: Council reappointment to Arts Commission

Dear Council Members,

Thank you for your consideration to reappoint me to the Arts Commission. We are in the initial stages of several very exciting, high profile projects, such as the Chestnut underpass and Veteran's Park, and I would be honored to continue to work on them. I will not be able to attend the March 19th council meeting as I will be in LA visiting some art museums with my daughter during her spring break from university. However, I am happy to answer any questions you may have about my qualifications or activities on the Art Commission via phone or email. Meanwhile, I encourage you to stop by the Cannon Gallery to check out the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame's collection from Baron Wolman, former Rolling Stone Magazine photographer — it is excellent and last weekend's reception was a HUGE success..kudos to all our staff! Again, many thanks for your consideration.

Kind regards,
Nora J George
Arts Commissioner
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From: Gita Nassiri <gita.nassiri@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, March 25, 2024 1:46 PM
To: City Clerk
Subject: Arts Commission finalist

Mayor Blackburn and City Council members:

Thank you for considering my application for appointment to the Arts Commission. I have had the pleasure and privilege of serving on the Arts Commission for the past four years. During this time, in addition to attending the regular Commission meetings, I have had the opportunity to serve on the Growth Management Committee and the selection panel for the public art at Fire Station 2. During the Covid pandemic, I observed the City and the cultural arts staff recognize the importance of arts and entertainment during a challenging time, and effectively provide arts and entertainment to the community despite the constraints.

If selected, I look forward to providing my perspective and input on the importance of the arts and culture in Carlsbad. Arts and entertainment not only bring the community together, but they also attract tourism and benefit the City economically. My family and I look forward to attending the TGIF concerts in the summer, as well as enjoying other events and programs offered by the cultural arts office, including the Village Arts Association art display collaborations, the events at the Schulman Auditorium, the public arts displays, and the exhibits at the Cannon Gallery. Thank you for increasing the number of TGIF concerts for 2024!

I am unable to attend the City Council meeting on March 26th in person. I appreciate your time and consideration.

Thank you,

Gita Nassiri

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