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Artist Selected to Make Public Artwork for the San Lorenzo Library

SAN LORENZO – The Alameda County Arts Commission is pleased to announce that artist Stephen Galloway has been recommended by a selection committee to create the public artwork associated with the San Lorenzo Library Expansion Project. Galloway was selected by a committee including five San Lorenzo residents plus Library staff and a regional art professional. The committee selected Galloway through an open, competitive process. They interviewed five artists who created proposals for the project. The committee also reviewed and discussed the comments collected from 134 community members. The five artists' proposals were on display for public comment for three weeks at the Library and the San Lorenzo Village Homeowners' Association, as well as online.

The committee's recommendation will be forwarded to the following official bodies for review and approval: Alameda County Public Art Advisory Committee meeting on December 13, 2013 at 9:30am (1401 Lakeside Drive, Oakland), members of the Alameda County Arts Commission on December 18, 2013 at 4:00pm (1401 Lakeside Drive, Oakland), and the Alameda County Board of Supervisors in January 2014. Contact the Arts Commission office at (510) 208-9646 to find out when the artist's contract will be presented to the Board of Supervisors. All meetings are open to the public.

As part of the expansion project, the public artwork includes images printed onto the glass of 16 tall windows in the new construction as well as other surfaces in the existing part of the building. The artwork on the windows will be viewable from both inside and outside of the library. Galloway's artwork is made from photographs of San Lorenzo and the neighboring areas. In his proposal he says the images are "impressions and ideas, reflections of what this place feels like." The imagery includes vistas and landscapes and references to the area's agricultural past. The compositions are tied together through images of a sycamore tree canopy which is continued throughout the windows.

Galloway's proposal can be viewed online at: http://www.acgov.org/arts/pdfs/SGalloway_Proposal_SLZ_web.pdf. This is a preliminary proposal. The artist will undergo a design development phase where he will have more time to thoroughly develop his concept and design and to incorporate feedback from the community, the selection committee, and the Alameda County Public Art Advisory Committee.

Funding for this public art project is provided through the County's Percent for Art Public Art Ordinance managed by the Alameda County Arts Commission on behalf of the Alameda County Board of Supervisors. For more information about the public artwork, contact the Alameda County Arts Commission at (510) 208-9646.

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