

Ramon Reyes Statement of Interest

Dear Cathedral City Public Arts Commission,

Growing up in Venezuela I was exposed to many different forms of art and diversity. I spent my childhood helping and learning from my godfather, who is an artist and gallery owner in Bolivar. He taught me the importance of having a greater purpose and strive to make a difference with the art I create. I have tried to follow his lead throughout my career. Prior to moving to the United States, I owned a gallery and started a foundation, Sorocaima, with the mission of providing free art education to the youth and young adults. The students had the opportunity to create parade floats and costume design for Carnival in Rio De Janeiro, Brazil, which was a great experience for all of us. I eventually left Venezuela related to the political environment and took a position as an educator at the Guadalajara University in Tabasco, Mexico teaching art. It was life changing to see so many students passionate about learning new techniques and mediums. I was lucky enough to move to the United States in 2015 and have tried to continue giving my career a mission and make a difference wherever I am.

The sense of community that public parks bring is something that I have always loved. The opportunity to be a part of this project and brighten the park with my work would be an honor. I enjoy working with bright colors and incorporating an abstract style to my art while conveying a sense of peace and happiness. My hope is that people leave in a better mood after seeing my art. Thank you for the chance to present my work to your committee and I hope that I am chosen to participate.

Sincerely,

Ramon Reyes

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