

**LOS ANGELES PUBLIC LIBRARY
BOARD REPORT**

November 18, 2021

TO: Board of Library Commissioners

FROM: John F. Szabo, City Librarian

SUBJECT: **APPROVAL OF THE INSTALLATION OF A MURAL AT THE VERMONT
SQUARE BRANCH LIBRARY**

RECOMMENDATIONS:

That the Board of Library Commissioners:

- a. Approve the installation of a mural on the water cooler structure at the Vermont Square Branch Library, which is owned and operated by the Los Angeles Public Library (LAPL).
- b. Authorize the City Librarian to enter into an agreement regarding the mural with the City Clerk Funding Program on behalf of the VOICES NC.

SUMMARY:

1. Voices Neighborhood Council is one of 99 Neighborhood Councils created by the City of Los Angeles in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter to provide grassroots access to City Hall and is supported under the City's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment.
2. Voices Neighborhood Council is a valued Library partner. Before the pandemic began, the Voices Neighborhood Council would hold their regular meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of each month at the Vermont Square Branch located at 1201 W. 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037.
3. Voices Neighborhood Council desires to install a mural on the water cooler structure located behind the Vermont Square Branch Library, at no cost to LAPL, with a maintenance schedule to be determined.

4. The mural titled *Love Books* will contribute aesthetically to the branch and the surrounding community and enhance the experience of visiting the Library for our patrons.
5. On September 8, 2021, the Department of Cultural Affairs granted conceptual and final approval of the mural.

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Reviewed by: Susan Broman, Assistant City Librarian

RESOLUTION
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LIBRARY RESOLUTION NO. 2021-XX

WHEREAS, the Vermont Square Branch (BRANCH) is owned and operated by LAPL and is located at 1201 W. 48th Street, Los Angeles, CA 90037; and,

WHEREAS, VOICES NC is one of 99 Neighborhood Councils created by the City of Los Angeles in 1999 by an amendment to the City Charter to provide grassroots access to City Hall and is supported under the City's Department of Neighborhood Empowerment; and,

WHEREAS, LAPL owns the water cooler structure located behind the BRANCH on property owned and operated by LAPL; and,

WHEREAS, VOICES NC desires to install a mural on the water cooler structure located behind the BRANCH, at no cost to LAPL, for the visual enjoyment of patrons and residents of the community, with a maintenance schedule to be determined; and,

WHEREAS, VOICES NC will provide and coordinate all efforts to create a design for the proposed mural, and commission an artist to paint the mural on the water cooler structure behind the BRANCH; and,

WHEREAS, On September 8, 2021, the Department of Culture Affairs granted conceptual and final approval of the mural's design; and,

THEREFORE, RESOLVED, that the Board of Library Commissioners approves the installation of the mural on the water cooler structure on LAPL property at the BRANCH and authorizes the City Librarian to enter into an agreement regarding the mural with the City Clerk Funding Program on behalf of the VOICES NC.

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