



**City of Phoenix**  
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT DEPARTMENT

**To:** Participants in Mural Project Discussion **Date:** December 14, 2018

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**Subject:** Staff Recommendations on Mural Projects

We would like to thank all of you for your patience these past several months while we reviewed the public input we received and conducted research of cities around the country for best practices for mural projects.

There were 213 individuals and 10 organizations that participated in a community dialogue on mural projects through letters, emails and attendance at a public meeting on August 21, 2018. At the meeting, 173 individuals signed in to the meeting, where 54 people spoke on the topic. A total of 55 emails and 10 letters from organizations were received.

Staff reviewed information from 25 cities. The research shows that across the country there are many variations on how cities handle mural projects. Some municipalities have regulations, while others have a simple certification process, to no regulation at all – and everything in between. Typically, more control was exercised when funding was offered to encourage murals by the city. In some instances, organizations outside the municipality provided a review process.

**Staff Recommendation**

Staff compiled the attached document comprised of what we believe are best practices for mural projects. Many of the issues raised through the public input received focus on communication. The attached recommended best practices focus on thorough and timely communication.

**Feedback**

We are once again asking for feedback from you. Please submit any comments or suggestions regarding the attached document by January 6, 2018, to [odette.bakker@phoenix.gov](mailto:odette.bakker@phoenix.gov).

[Deadline for comments modified by Odette Bakker to February 28, 2019](#)