

LAURIE CAPITELLI

Berkeley City Council
District 5

CONSENT CALENDAR
December 17, 2013

To: Honorable Mayor and Members of the City Council
From: Councilmember Laurie Capitelli
Subject: Scheduling a Ten Minute Presentation by the Berkeley Art Center

RECOMMENDATION

Recommend that the City Council allow 10 minutes at its January 21, 2014 regular meeting for a brief introduction to the new Executive Director and Board President of the Berkeley Art Center.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

None.

BACKGROUND

The Berkeley Art Center Association has requested an opportunity to address the Council for a period of no more than ten minutes to introduce its new Board President, Marianna Stark, and recently hired Executive Director, Aimee Le Duc. Both President Stark and Executive Director Le Duc are well versed and experienced in the arts and in the management of budgets for organizations similar to the Art Center. They both have deep commitments to high quality contemporary art and to the artists who make the Bay Area such a vibrant region for the visual arts. Members of the Art Center Board will be present for the introduction of these outstanding new participants in the organization.

The Berkeley Art Center (BAC) is Berkeley's only community based visual arts organization producing seven to eight museum quality exhibitions each year, and more than twenty arts related programs and events, workshops, lectures and other presentations annually. BAC has risen to high acclaim over the past five years of Suzanne Tan's leadership as Executive Director, with consistently positive coverage in the San Francisco Chronicle, East Bay Express, Berkeleyside, Contra Costa Times and other local media. The BAC Board members and new Executive Director are determined to continue the current upward trajectory in the regional arts of the past five years, and to affirm the Berkeley Art Center as a key element of Berkeley's arts and culture landscape.

CONTACT PERSON

Councilmember Laurie Capitelli, District 5 981-7150

