

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item #14: Further reflection  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:12:22 PM

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**From:** Maria Bautista [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 12:08 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item #14: Further reflection

Dear City Council Members,

Please also consider that at this moment, when so many people are suffering in so many ways, allocating upwards of \$20,000 to paint idyllic landscapes reflects poorly on our civic judgement.

Thank you,

Maria Bautista  
27 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos  
650.814.4243

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Support for Mural Proposal  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:37:32 AM

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**From:** Audrey Chang [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 8:22 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Support for Mural Proposal

Honorable Members of the Council,

I hope you're all doing well! A brief note regarding agenda item #14 for tonight's city council meeting: I fully support the two proposed murals, especially their incorporation of environmental and educational elements. Please consider accepting the proposal!

Thank you,  
Audrey Chang (she/her)

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Item#14: Community Center Murals  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:59:09 AM

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**From:** Maria Bautista [REDACTED] >  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:53 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Item#14: Community Center Murals

Dear City Council Members,

As a member of the Hillview Community Center Project Task Force, I oppose the Community Center mural proposal before you tonight.

Los Altos has invested tens of millions of dollars designing a world-class building and surrounding landscape that was years in the making. The building was designed to celebrate the California architectural tradition of bringing the outdoors inside, taking care to incorporate the beauty of our natural surroundings.

The new Community Center deserves the opportunity to stand as designed, without further permanent adornment.

The building design includes gallery space for temporary art exhibits. A gallery is much more in sync with the needs of our community. We have an incredibly diverse community, and our community art should showcase and celebrate different voices at different times.

Permanent murals are neither necessary nor optimal in our new community space.

Thank you for your consideration.

Best regards,

Maria Bautista  
27 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos  
650.814.4243

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please support environmental art in the new Los Altos community center  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:38:15 AM

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**From:** Brian Greenen <b[REDACTED]>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:36 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support environmental art in the new Los Altos community center

Honorable Council,

I urge you to support funding for murals in the new Community Center. This art would support the “building in a park” theme used by the architects and highlight the natural watershed environment of Los Altos. Public art can be such an important vehicle for communicating current and historical environmental issues and for connecting people to our local environment. Based on the artists' work, we know that Morgan Bricca and Linda Gass will create murals that are both beautiful and educational.

Thank you for your consideration.

Brian Greenen  
620 Almond Avenue  
Los Altos, CA

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Donna Legge](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Please support environmental art in the new Los Altos community centee  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:34:24 AM

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**From:** Mike and Jana Schlansker [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:34 AM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** Please support environmental art in the new Los Altos community centee

Honorable Council,

I urge the Council to approve the commission and funding of murals for the North Lobby and the south entrance seating area. The proposed artwork supports the "building in a park" theme used by the architects and highlights the natural watershed environment of Los Altos. Based on their prior works which I've seen, Morgan Bricca and Linda Gass will create murals that are both beautiful and educational.

Thank you for your consideration,  
Jana Schlansker

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Jon Maginot](#); [Donna Legge](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Robert Specker  
**Date:** Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:34:12 AM

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-----Original Message-----

From: City of Los Altos Official Website via City of Los Altos California <[info@losaltosca.gov](mailto:info@losaltosca.gov)>  
Sent: Tuesday, November 10, 2020 9:30 AM  
To: City Council <[council@losaltosca.gov](mailto:council@losaltosca.gov)>  
Subject: Robert Specker

Submitted on Tuesday, November 10, 2020 - 9:29am Submitted by anonymous user: 24.6.133.5 Submitted values are:

Department: City Council  
Name: Robert Specker  
Email Address: [robert.specker@gmail.com](mailto:robert.specker@gmail.com)

Comments / Requests: Dear City Council— I am a resident of Los Altos and live at 27 Sunkist Ln. I am a former member of the Los Altos Public Sculpture Committee (before it was a Commission). I recommend that you not approve the proposed mural at the new Community Center. Now more than ever we need gallery spaces available for voices from all perspectives. Our community is blessed to be highly diverse in ethnic, religious, political, gender identity, sexual orientation, socio-economic, and educational backgrounds. We are also highly diverse in our interests. For many reasons related to this this extraordinary diversity we should not lock-in an enormous portion of our beautiful new community gallery into a single work. As a practical matter, there is no way to choose which artist to preference for such a permanent privilege. Further, murals are inescapably political speech (even the effort to purport not to be political is itself political) because of our national history with them. See the controversy at George Washington High School in San Francisco and the battle over the George Floyd street murals in Minneapolis for more context and the legal difficulties related to murals. I urge you not to approve this proposal. If you would like to speak further I would be happy to discuss with you. Best regards, Rob Specker

The results of this submission may be viewed at:  
<https://www.losaltosca.gov/node/7/submission/44101>

**From:** [Chris Jordan](#)  
**To:** [Public Comment](#); [Jon Maginot](#)  
**Subject:** FW: public art mural at the new Community Center  
**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2020 5:18:24 PM

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**From:** Linda Ziff [REDACTED]  
**Sent:** Monday, November 9, 2020 4:33 PM  
**To:** City Council <council@losaltosca.gov>  
**Subject:** public art mural at the new Community Center

Honorable Council,

We enthusiastically support your funding of murals by Linda Gass and Morgan Bricca for the new Los Altos Community Center. These talented local artists create works of beauty that draw us into a deeper understanding of our relationship to the environment. Their work will be an important and appropriate addition to our new community center.

Thank you.

Linda and Harvey Ziff