

**RESOLUTION 26-5574 FOR THE PURPOSE OF AFFIRMING METRO’S COMMITMENT TO A VIBRANT AND THRIVING REGIONAL ARTS COMMUNITY AND EMBEDDING CREATIVE ARTISTIC PRACTICES AS PLANNING AND ENGAGEMENT TOOLS THROUGHOUT METRO’S WORK**

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Presenters: Acting Council President Duncan Hwang and Councilor Christine Lewis

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Length: 20 minutes

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**ISSUE STATEMENT**

A healthy and sustainable arts and culture ecosystem is essential to the region’s economic vitality, community stability, and shared sense of place.

Resolution 26-5574 has been introduced by Councilors Lewis and Hwang for Council consideration. If adopted, it would affirm Metro’s commitment to a vibrant and thriving regional arts community and direct staff to embed creative artistic practices as planning and engagement tools throughout Metro’s work.

**ACTION REQUESTED**

Metro Council is asked to consider and adopt Resolution 26-5574, affirming the value of arts and culture in regional planning and strengthening Metro’s support for creative and community-centered practices.

**IDENTIFIED POLICY OUTCOMES**

If adopted, Resolution 26-5574 would:

- Affirm Metro’s support for the regional arts ecosystem.
- Encourage integration of artistic and cultural practices into planning and engagement efforts.
- Strengthen Metro’s leadership among regional planning agencies implementing artist-led and culturally grounded approaches.

**POLICY QUESTION(S)**

- Should Metro Council adopt Resolution 26-5574 as introduced by Councilor Lewis and Acting Council President Hwang?
- What additional considerations should be incorporated into Metro’s future arts integration strategies?

**POLICY OPTIONS FOR COUNCIL TO CONSIDER**

1. Adopt Resolution 26-5574 as proposed.

2. Modify the resolution and adopt a revised version.
3. Decline to adopt and provide direction on alternative strategies to support regional arts and cultural integration.

### **STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS**

Staff recommend Council adopt Resolution 26-5574, as it aligns with Metro's mission to support equitable, community-centered planning.

### **BACKGROUND**

During the work session on March 31, 2026, Metro Council discussed Metro's role in the regional arts and culture ecosystem. Councilors Lewis and Hwang introduced Resolution 26-5574, highlighting Metro's history of supporting arts and culture through venue operations, public art facilitation, grantmaking, and creative partnerships.

The proposed resolution outlines a framework for expanding arts and culture integration throughout Metro's planning, engagement, and program areas.

Key components include:

- Utilizing Metro public meetings as platforms to elevate creative work.
- Exploring opportunities to integrate artists, arts, culture, and creative practices into planning and engagement activities.
- Embedding arts and culture in regional planning and community engagement initiatives.
- Incorporating arts and cultural strategies during project scoping.
- Reporting back to the Council on the progress of implementation and making recommendations for future actions to support this work.

Should Council adopt Resolution 26-5574, Metro staff will initiate the outlined directives and return with updates in future budget cycles.

### **ATTACHMENTS**

None