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Contra Costa County to hold 5 Community Visioning Sessions for Arts and Culture Planning

(Martinez, CA) – Artists, arts and cultural leaders, and the community are getting together to share their vision for the future of Contra Costa County's arts and cultural landscape.

During the week of March 14, five *Arts & Culture Community Visioning Sessions* will be held throughout the County. The events are free, and all are welcome.

The County is developing an "Arts & Culture Strategic Plan" as part of its effort to identify an organization that will serve as a new countywide arts council. The County has contracted with Arts Orange County, the nonprofit arts council in that community, to lead the planning process as the project manager and to facilitate the visioning sessions.

The goal is to guide an arts and cultural planning effort through an inclusive community engagement process that recognizes and respects the geographic and demographic diversity of the County. It will also inventory the County's arts and cultural assets, including organizations, venues, and public art.

The *Arts & Culture Community Visioning Sessions* will be held in various locations around the county in Danville, Oakley, Pittsburg, Richmond, and Walnut Creek. Each session is approximately 90 minutes in duration, and light refreshments will be provided. Registration is recommended, but walk-ins are welcome. A Spanish-speaking interpreter will be available at each session to assist.

The following are the dates, locations, and registration links for each Visioning Session:

Tuesday, March 14 – 5:00 PM Heather Farm Community Center – 301 N San Carlos Dr., Walnut Creek
Welcome remarks by District 4 County Supervisor Ken Carlson
Register here: (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/527289185147>)

Wednesday, March 15 – 5:00 PM Oakley Recreation Center – 1250 O'Hara Avenue, Oakley
Welcome remarks by District 3 County Supervisor Diane Burgis
Register here (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/527308352477>)

Thursday, March 16 – 5:30 PM Pittsburg Senior Center – 300 Presidio Lane, Pittsburg
Welcome remarks by District 5 County Supervisor Federal D. Glover
Register here (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/527311110727>)

Friday, March 17 – 5:00 PM Danville Veterans Memorial Building – 400 Hartz Avenue, Danville
Register here (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/527312705497>)

Saturday, March 18 – 10:00 AM Richmond Art Center – 2540 Barrett Ave, Richmond, CA
94804 Welcome remarks by District 1 County Supervisor John M. Gioia
Register here (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/527313618227>)
Masks required at this venue

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