

# CITY COUNCIL COMMITTEE

## **YOUTH & EDUCATION**

Ron Leone, Chair  
Edi Birsan, Committee Member

**5:30 p.m.**  
**Monday, May 18, 2015**

**Wing A, Garden Conference Room**  
**1950 Parkside Drive, Concord**

### **- A G E N D A -**

#### **ROLL CALL**

#### **PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

- 1. DISCUSSION** – Utility Box Art. Report by Justin Ezell, Director of Public Works.
- 2. ADJOURNMENT**

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**REPORT TO COUNCIL COMMITTEE ON  
YOUTH AND EDUCATION****TO THE HONORABLE COMMITTEE MEMBERS:**

DATE: May 18, 2015

**SUBJECT: UTILITY BOX ART****Report in Brief**

The Youth and Education Committee has been directed to discuss the placement of art on utility boxes within the City of Concord.

**Background**

On April 7, 2015 at its regularly scheduled meeting, the City Council directed the Youth and Education Committee to discuss the placement of art on utility boxes within the City of Concord. The motion was made by Councilmember Leone and seconded by Councilmember Birsan.

**Discussion**

At the April 7, 2015 City Council meeting, Councilmember Leone provided the City Council with a short visual presentation on utility box art (see Attachment A). The presentation highlighted the prominent location of utility boxes (e.g. in front of buildings, schools and street frontages) and demonstrated examples of how other public agencies have improved the appearance of utility boxes through the use of art.

Councilmember Leone suggested that utility boxes, which often fall victim to graffiti, could be transformed into artistic works of art. Councilmember Leone further suggested involving local high schools in art contests for the purpose of selecting utility box art, which would support civic pride and involve youth in the community.

**Fiscal Impact**

None at this time.

**Public Contact**

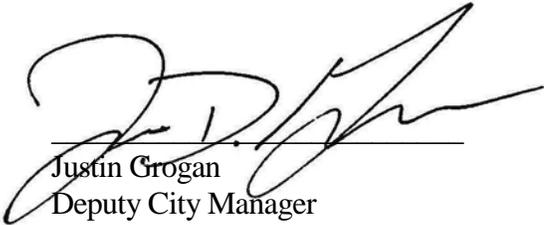
The City Council Committee Agenda was posted, and an announcement was sent to the following community groups:

- Dr. Nellie Meyer, Superintendent, Mount Diablo Unified School District
- Carol Longshore, President, Concord Historical Society
- Darrin Walters, Chair, Todos Santos Business Association

- Mike Van Hofwegen, Executive Director, Monument Impact
- Maribel Delgado, Volunteer, Monument Business Association

**Recommendation for Action**

Staff recommends that the Youth and Education Committee discuss the placement of art on utility boxes and provide direction to staff.



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Attachment A – Presentation on Utility Box Art

# Utility Box Art

Ron Leone Councilmember

# Eyesores



# Graffiti

















