

January 16, 2024

Honorable Mayor and City Council  
City of Long Beach  
California

**RECOMMENDATION:**

Recommendation to authorize the City Manager, or designee, to execute all documents necessary to amend Contract No. 36476 with PAO Design, of Long Beach, CA, for the artwork design, fabrication and installation for the COVID-19 Memorial Call for Artist Project, to increase the contract amount by \$600,000, for a revised total contract amount not to exceed \$620,000, and extend the term of the contract to December 31, 2025, with an option to renew for one additional year, at the discretion of the City Manager.  
(District 1)

**DISCUSSION**

City Council approval is requested to amend Contract No. 36476 with PAO Design to continue providing artwork, design, fabrication, and installation for the “Twin Arches” COVID-19 Memorial (Project).

On December 13, 2022, the City Council adopted RFQ PW 23-189 and awarded a one year \$20,000 contract to PAO Design to design, assess feasibility, and develop a comprehensive construction cost estimate for a memorial that is meaningful, lasting, resonant, and inspires healing.

PAO Design with support of structural engineers and fabricators, have completed the site analysis, refined the conceptual design, confirmed feasibility of the structural system, and completed the construction cost estimate.

Additional authorization is requested to complete the design, establish an equitable outreach program to confirm the names to include on the memorial, and complete construction.

This matter was reviewed by Deputy City Attorney Vanessa S. Ibarra and on by Budget Management Officer Nader Kaamoush on December 27, 2023, and by Acting Labor Compliance Officer Tommy Ryan on December 19, 2023.

**TIMING CONSIDERATIONS**

City Council action to amend Contract No. 36476 is requested on January 16, 2024, to ensure there is no interruption to services.

## SUSTAINABILITY

PAO Design identified the Civic Center in Lincoln Park for placement of the Memorial, which shall be in conformance with the approved Planning Commission approvals for the Civic Center. The Memorial artwork proposed in this location and site was included and approved as part of the EIR/CEQA environmental review and permitted uses for the Civic Center.

## FISCAL IMPACT

The requested action increases the contract authority with PAO Design by \$600,000 for a revised total amount of the contract not to exceed \$620,000. The total cost of the Project is currently estimated at \$850,000, which includes procurement of art, design, installation/construction, construction management, inspection, labor compliance, and project oversight. The Project is supported by one-time general capital funding in the amount of \$650,000 and \$200,000 in Measure A funds appropriated in the Capital Projects Fund Group in the Public Works Department. Upon installation, maintenance of the art piece will be the responsibility of the Parks, Recreation and Marine Department.

The ongoing maintenance cost is estimated to be \$20,000 annually and will be updated once the artist design is complete and staff receives the recommended maintenance requirements from PAO Designs and fabricators for the specific materials. The Parks, Recreation, and Marine Department will recommend an increase in the annual operating budget for maintenance, vandalism, and upkeep of this important memorial when the project is completed. This recommendation has no staffing impact beyond the normal budgeted scope of duties and is consistent with existing City Council priorities.

## SUGGESTED ACTION:

Approve recommendation.

Respectfully submitted,



Eric Lopez  
Director  
Public Works

APPROVED:



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THOMAS B. MODICA  
CITY MANAGER