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SUBJECT: Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality/Arts Month update

DATE: September 11, 2018

PRESENTATION TYPE:
Informational Briefing

SUMMARY:
This presentation is an update on the activities and strategies being implemented by the Office of Arts & Cultural Vitality and Arts Commission as they relate to Artfull Tacoma.

BACKGROUND:
The Tacoma Arts Commission was established in 1965. The Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality (OACV) implements the policy and programs of the Arts Commission and the City. Formerly referred to as the Art Program for the City, the Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality was renamed in 2016 after the adoption of Artfull Tacoma, the City's five year art plan. Artfull Tacoma aligns with one of Tacoma 2025's seven key focus areas: Arts and Cultural Vitality.

ISSUE:
Arts and Cultural Vitality is one of 7 Key Focus Areas of Tacoma 2025 and Artfull Tacoma is the implementation plan designed to support a vibrant, inclusive community with a flourishing arts and culture sector. The Office of Arts and Cultural Vitality is instrumental in advancing goals to make Tacoma a center for the arts and to grow and sustain the creative economy in service of nourishing a thriving and authentic community.

This presentation will provide an update on the projects and initiatives represented in Artfull Tacoma including information on Tacoma's 17th annual Arts Month, public art, partnerships, creative placemaking, community engagement, planning, funding and recent reorganization as part of the Tacoma Venues and Events Department.

ALTERNATIVES:
 This is an information briefing only. There are no alternatives presented.

FISCAL IMPACT:
This is an information briefing only. There is no fiscal impact.

RECOMMENDATION:
 This is an information briefing only. There is no recommendation.