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**SUBJECT:** 2024-25 Artist-in-Residence Project Recap  
**DATE:** March 10, 2026

**PRESENTATION TYPE:**  
Informational Briefing

**SUMMARY:**

Arts & Cultural Vitality (ACV) staff and guests will give an overview of the recently completed Artist in Residence (AiR) programs, in partnership with Environmental Services (ES) and Public Works (PW).

**BACKGROUND:**

In partnership with the PW and ES Departments, ACV launched two AiR programs in 2024-25. An artist was embedded in each department to implement specific projects, support City and departmental goals, and act as an in-house creative strategist. Each AiR had a different focus and produced demonstration projects.

The ES AiR, Teruko Nimura, focused on outreach and engagement related to Solid Waste. During her residency, she implemented community engagement projects that increased awareness of issues, improved the customer experience, and inspired behavioral change to support healthy neighborhoods and a thriving Puget Sound.

The PW AiR, Natalie Dupille, focused on integrating the 1% for Art policy into PW projects. During her residency, she supported the Transportation & Mobility Plan, produced an art mini-plan, and produced several demonstration projects.

**ISSUE:**

This presentation will provide an overview of the AiR program. There is no request for formal action.

**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.