

**RESOLUTION NO.**

**A RESOLUTION TO CONCLUDE THE AVP SALINAS-BASED ARTIST GRANTS PILOT PROGRAM AND RE-APPROPRIATE \$150,000 TO BE USED FOR FUTURE AVP PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS (CIP 9426)**

**WHEREAS**, on August 9, 2022, the City of Salinas entered into a Restricted Grant Agreement with the California Department of Transportation accepting Clean California Local Grant Program (CCLGP) funds in the amount of \$2,147,958 for the Alisal Greening, Beautification and Safety Project; and

**WHEREAS**, on June 18, 2024, the City Council passed Resolution 23009 (N.C.S.) establishing the AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program to support local artists interested in bidding on public art projects funded by the Alisal Greening, Beatification, and Safety Project; and

**WHEREAS**, the AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program was developed using \$150,000 in AVP CIP (9246) funds to provide financial support ranging from \$10,000 to up to \$25,000 to Salinas-based artists who applied for and made the final selection of the Alisal Greening and Beatification Project Calls for Artists; and

**WHEREAS**, in the two years since the AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program was approved by Council, the City has issued four Calls for Art for new banners along East Alisal, artistic wraps for trash corrals along East Alisal Street, a new mural at the Closter Park Boxing Club, and a new monument in the Skyway Blvd./East Alisal Street Roundabout as part of the Alisal Greening and Beatification Project, but no applications for assistance have been made for the AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program; and

**WHEREAS**, the final two art projects for the Alisal Greening and Beatification Project are anticipated to be completed in the Summer/Fall of 2026, and the Clean California Grant has a funding expenditure deadline of September 30, 2026; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Salinas has determined that the proposed action is not a project as defined by the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA) (CEQA Guidelines Section 15378). In addition, CEQA Guidelines Section 15061 includes the general rule that CEQA applies only to activities which have the potential for causing a significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. Because the proposed action and this matter have no potential to cause any effect on the environment, or because it falls within a category of activities excluded as projects pursuant to CEQA Guidelines section 15378, this matter is not a project. Because the matter does not cause a direct or foreseeable indirect physical change on or in the environment, this matter is not a project. Any subsequent discretionary projects resulting from this action will be assessed for CEQA applicability.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED** that the Salinas City Council concludes the

AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program and re-appropriates \$150,000 from the AVP Salinas-based Artist Grants Pilot Program to fund other projects and programs that implement the Alisal Vibrancy Plan (CIP 9426).

**PASSED AND APPROVED** this 16th day of June, 2026, by the following vote:

**AYES:**

**NOES:**

**ABSENT:**

**ABSTAIN:**

**APPROVED:**

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Dennis Donohue, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Patricia M. Soratos, City Clerk