



# SALEM PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

2019 ANNUAL REPORT & UPDATE TO COUNCIL

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Established by Salem City Council in 2010



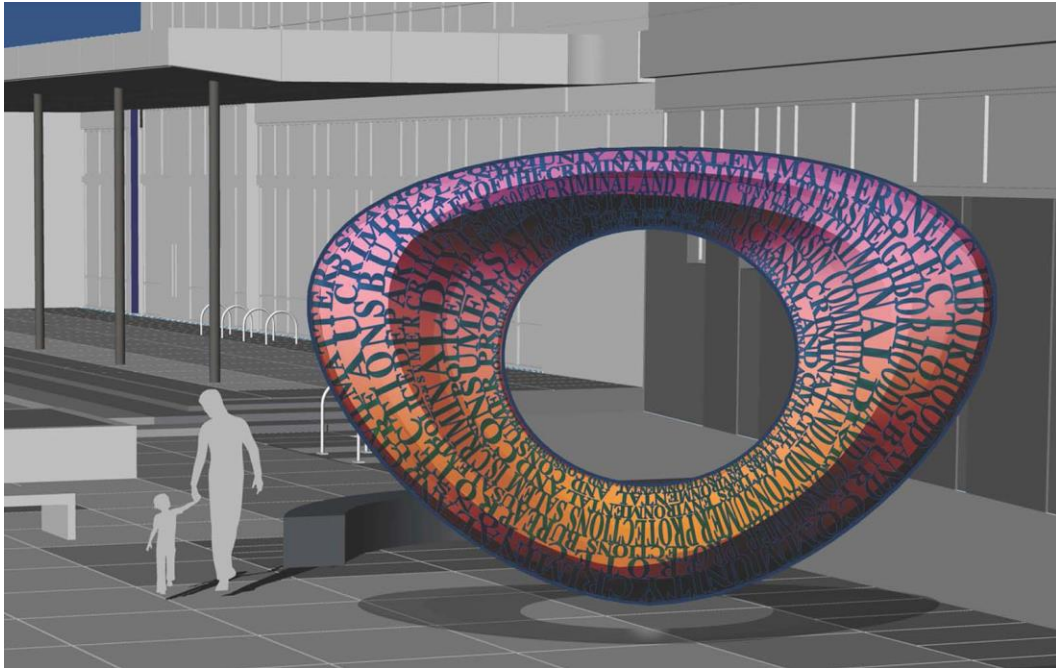
Salem Revised Code Chapter 15 (Public Art)



7 Volunteer Commissioners



# PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES



Salem Police Station - *Equitas*

- Acquiring Public Art for City facilities
- Stewarding and managing the City's Public Art Collection
  - Includes maintenance, conservation, and public education
- Managing the Public Art Fund

# CITY'S PUBLIC ART COLLECTION



INCLUDES NEARLY 100  
WORKS OF ART



VALUED AT \$1.37  
MILLION



APPRAISAL  
COMPLETED IN 2016-17

# RECENT ADDITIONS TO THE COLLECTION



Downtown Murals by Damien Gilley and Blaine Fontana (2017)

*Good Cents* by Lillian Pitt, Mikkel and Saralyn Hilde, commissioned with the Oregon Environmental Council (2018)

*Equitas* by Blessing Hancock , commissioned for the new Salem Police Station (2020)

Salem Public Library Seismic Upgrade – Request For Qualifications

# PUBLIC ART FUND

**FISCAL YEAR 2019-20 BUDGET = \$58,210**

- Acquisition, Management, Maintenance of Public Art
- Source = ½ of 1% eligible costs of public improvement projects, other sources (Transient Occupancy Tax) when available
- Required Allocations
  - 70% for acquisition, fabrication, installation
  - 20% for management and public education
  - 10% for maintenance
- General Obligation Bond Projects
  - Funds only for art acquisition at project site



# CHALLENGES

## SRC CHAPTER 15



**Funding restrictions**



**Gifts of art with unintended consequences**



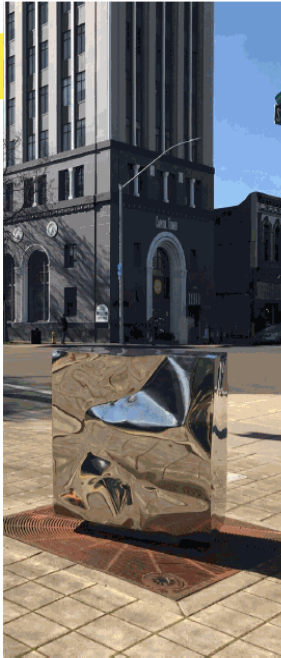
**Deferred maintenance**





# CHALLENGES CONT.

PUBLIC ART • WORKS OF ART • MURALS



## LET'S TALK ABOUT PUBLIC ART...

Join us for a community conversation about public art in Salem.

**Thursday, September 25 | 4 to 7 p.m.**

Connect with fellow arts leaders, advocates and enthusiasts. Share your thoughts on how we can work together to elevate public art in Salem, and to cultivate a vibrant and inclusive arts scene.



We will spend time as a group exploring community strengths, unique opportunities and challenges for public art in Salem, and





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