AGENDA REPORT

Meeting Date:	**February 17, 2015**
Item Number:	F-2
To:	Honorable Mayor & City Council
From:	Nancy Hunt-Coffey, Assistant Director of Community Services
Subject:	RECOMMENDATION BY FINE ART COMMISSION CITY COUNCIL LIAISONS BOSSE AND GOLD TO ACCEPT LOAN OF RICHARD SERRA *TWINS* BY GAGOSIAN GALLERY TO BE PLACED ON THE NORTHWEST LAWN OF CITY HALL AND REQUEST TO AUTHORIZE THE INTERIM CITY MANAGER TO FINALIZE AND EXECUTE THE AGREEMENT WITH THE GALLERY
Attachments:	1. Pictures of Richard Serra *Twins* 2. Picture of proposed placement of *Twins*

RECOMMENDATION

Fine Art Commission City Council liaisons Bosse and Gold and the Fine Art Commission recommend that the City Council accept the loan of *Twins* by Richard Serra from the Gagosian Gallery. The liaisons and Commission further recommend that the piece be placed on the northwest lawn of City Hall, viewable from Santa Monica Blvd. and Crescent Dr.

INTRODUCTION

Richard Serra is an internationally renowned American born artist who frequently works in large-scale assemblies of sheet metal. The *Twins* were created in 1972 and consist of two rolled Cor-Ten steel plates and would be placed on the northwest side of the City Hall lawn, in the same general area as the Brad Howe Arts of Palm pieces. Each plate measures approximately 10' x 40' x 1 7/8" and weighs 9,000 pounds. The value of *Twins* is estimated to be $8 million.

The Gagosian Gallery would cover all costs related to the loan of the pieces, including transportation, installation and insurance. The original proposal from the Gagosian Gallery was for the loan to last for 6 months. However, the Gallery has indicated a willingness to extend that time frame to late January 2016. As the piece would not be placed in a park, placement of the *Twins* did not require any approval by the Recreation

and Parks Commission. Project Administration has indicated that this area of the front lawn of City Hall can bear the weight of this piece. Risk Management has approved the placement of the piece as well.

DISCUSSION

Representatives of the Gagosian Gallery contacted the Fine Art Commission regarding the possibility of loaning the *Twins* by Richard Serra to the City of Beverly Hills. The piece had previously been installed at the Clos Pegasse Winery in Calistoga, CA. Due to renovations on the winery property, the pieces were removed. The Commission and subsequently Liaisons Bosse and Gold unanimously agreed to recommend this loan as well as the placement of the piece on the lawn of City Hall.

FISCAL IMPACT

There would be no cost to the City for the loan of *Twins* by Richard Serra. The Gallery will pay for the footings, installation, de-installation and insurance of the piece.

Don Rhoads, Director of Administrative Services

Nancy Hunt-Coffey
Approved By

Attachment 1

RICHARD SERRA
Twins, 1972
Two rolled Cor-Ten steel plates
120 x 480 x 1 7/8 inches (304.8 x 1,219.2 x 4.8 cm)
(SERRA 1972.0002

Attachment 2