



31 E. Fifth St.
Tempe, AZ 85281

Arts and Culture Commission

The Tempe Arts and Culture Commission advises the City Council, through the Community Services Department, in the development of periodic updates to the Arts and Culture Plan and any subplans thereto and promotes such plans; supports the City’s General Plan goals relating to arts and culture and encourages diverse citizen participation in arts and culture programs and initiatives; and, advises City staff on arts and culture programs, projects, policies, and initiatives. The Commission also advises the City Council, through the Community Services Department, in articulating the vision for and exploring the critical issues relating to arts and cultural development based on projected arts and culture funding and the implementation of the Arts and Culture Plan.

Additional powers and duties of the Commission include:

- advising and recommending to the City Council, through the Community Services Department, annually on the elements of prioritized, unified operating and capital improvement program budgets for arts and culture, based upon unaudited financial reporting prepared on a quarterly basis by the Community Services Department;
- advising the Community Services Department on appropriate performance standards and benchmarks for use in evaluating the City’s arts and culture programs based on recognized guidelines and local priorities; and,
- recommending to the Community Services Department, public involvement mechanisms to assure community-based arts and culture programs, projects, policies and initiatives follow the Arts and Culture Plan.

The Tempe Arts and Culture Commission is composed of 11 members who live, work, or attend school, in Tempe. A minimum of 51% of the members on the Commission shall be Tempe residents. Members serve three-year terms, with the exception of the Student member, who serves a one-year term. The Tempe Arts and Culture Commission members shall be from the following categories; however, no more than three members can fill the same category:

- Practicing artist from various disciplines.
- K-12 arts and culture teacher or K-12 affiliate or teaching artist.
- Affiliate from the Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design and Arts.
- Urban planner or designer or architect or historian.
- Student from a post-secondary school (one-year term).
- Representative from a business or organization that supports arts and culture.
- Tempe resident with an interest in arts and culture.
- Individual with expertise in organizational development, public policy, financial analysis or accounting.
- Current or former arts and culture presenter, producer, arts administrator, curator or arts facility manager.

(City Code, Chapter 2, Article V, Division 3)

Name	Term Expires	
Lucht, Will	12/31/2025	Expertise in Organizational Development, Public Policy, Financial Analysis or Accounting
Roach, Lisa	12/31/2025	Expertise in Organizational Development, Public Policy, Financial Analysis or Accounting
Song, Jennifer	12/31/2025	Tempe Resident with an Interest in Arts and Culture
Godfrey-Chevalier, Kevin	12/31/2026	Affiliate from Arizona State University Herberger Institute for Design and Arts
Hanley, Andrea	12/31/2026	Current Arts and Culture Presenter, Producer, Arts Administrator, Curator
Mills, Haylee	12/31/2026	Tempe Resident with an Interest in Arts and Culture
Swan, Jacqueline	12/31/2026	Former Arts and Culture Presenter, Producer, Arts Administrator, Curator or Arts Facility Manager
Esparza, Bryan	12/31/2027	Urban Planner or Designer or Architect or Historian
Robinette, Teresa	12/31/2027	Practicing Artist from Various Disciplines
Russell, Angela	12/31/2027	Tempe Resident with an Interest in Arts and Culture
Sollars, Kendra	12/31/2027	Practicing Artist from Various Disciplines

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