



Mexic-Arte Contract Monitoring Audit

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Mexic-Arte Museum's Mission

Mexic-Arte Museum is dedicated to cultural enrichment and education through the collection, preservation and presentation of traditional and contemporary Mexican, Latino and Latin American art and culture to promote dialogue and develop understanding for visitors of all ages.

Background

- **Since 2001, the City has contributed nearly \$21M to the Mexic-Arte Museum's purchase and rehabilitation of the facility**
- **The City has 5 agreements with Mexic-Arte for facility and operational needs managed by two departments**
 - Parks and Recreation Department (PARD)
 - Economic Development Department (EDD)

Finding

The City did not adequately develop and monitor Mexic-Arte agreements, making it difficult to ensure desired services were delivered to the community

- PARD did not ensure performance information was accurate, complete or timely
- PARD did not enforce some performance measure requirements
- Some performance measures are ambiguous or difficult to measure
 - “reasonable loan of artwork”
 - No performance targets

No Coordination between PARD and EDD resulted in

- Two sets of deliverables
- Duplication of monitoring activities
- Burdensome reporting to two departments
- One output used to meet requirements for 2 agreements

Additional Observation

City is currently negotiating how to use the \$20 million of voter-approved funding for the rehabilitation of the Mexic-Arte Museum

- \$20 million in bond funding authorized by Council to rehabilitate the facility
 - \$5 million in 2010
 - \$15 million in 2018
- Mexic-Arte was expected to raise \$3.5 million
- Rehabilitation work agreement is currently being negotiated

Recommendations

- 1 Evaluate governance structure to determine if management should be centralized
- 2 Implement accountability measures for staff and a supervisory process for verifying reported performance information
- 3 Work with stakeholders to review and revise performance expectations and measures so they are clear, measurable and enforceable



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