Office of Councilmember David Ryu
4th District
Utility Box Public Art Program
FY 2019-2020
Call for Local Artists

The Office of Councilmember Ryu Will Sponsor Utility Box Painting @ up to $250 per box

- Local Artist Public Art Program
  - DOT utility boxes in Los Angeles can be painted to create community beautification if approved by DOT.
  - The Office of Councilmember Ryu supports this program and would like to assist in increasing public art throughout the 4th District.

- To Submit
  - After reviewing the rest of this document…
  - Please e-mail your art design submission to CD4.art@lacity.org
  - Include your name, email, contact phone number, and where you are from
  - Indicate if you are applying for the $250 grant and thus agree to the additional requirements of the grant money OR are applying to paint the box without grant funds
  - Include the intersection, cardinal location at the intersection (i.e. NW), and closest street address of the box(es) you wish to paint
Utility Art Submission Template

Please Place Your Art Design in the Below Template

[You may print and fill in by hand, design sketches do not need to be as detailed as the examples on the next page]
Examples

These are examples of other designs submitted in Los Angeles

Artists credit from top left to bottom right: Keli Arslancan, Binx, LA Commons, WRD$MTH
Where to Find Blank Signal Cabinets

Any intersection with a traffic signal has a utility box, if that box is blank and located in the 4th district you can apply. Boxes that have been previously approved for art citywide, and thus less likely to be blank, can be found on this map here.
Requirements

To earn the $250 sponsorship, you must meet the below requirements

- Art must be neighborhood appropriate
  - Utility Boxes on Commercial Streets / Intersections
    - Utility boxes on commercial streets are preferred (defined as an intersection where at least one of the two streets is primarily commercial on the two blocks on either side of the box – for example). Those boxes may be submitted directly to cd4.art@lacity.org for review.
    - The Council office will submit the box to the local neighborhood council as a notification of the submission.
  - Utility Boxes on Residential Intersections
    - Utility boxes on residential streets (defined as an intersection where all the intersecting streets are largely residential – for example). Those boxes can be submitted to cd4.art@lacity.org for review, but our office will submit them to the local Neighborhood Council for review and approval before granting final approvals.
    - The Neighborhood Council will be given up to two months to provide feedback. If no feedback is provided our office may move forward with approval.
    - Reviewing organization are requested to not act as an art critic and should not censor or approve art based on content except to ensure that art is generally positive in nature or uplifting or non-offensive.
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- Stencils at the base of the utility box should read:
  - City of Los Angeles
  - www.lacity.org
  - Two opposite sides may include the artist name or @ tag

- Other Requirements & Notes
  - Utility boxes are a public space owned by the City and thus final designs approved by a Neighborhood Council or our Council Office may not be approved by DOT.
  - Art must be completed using paint (acrylic, artfully applied spray paint, etc). Designs using posters, stickers, or other methods of painting will be less likely to receive approval.
  - We will consider approving one box per artist per round of the program on a first come first serve basis.
  - Utility boxes will not be approved in Historic Preservation Overlay Zone (HPOZ) areas, unless approved by the relevant HPOZ board. HPOZ areas are found here.
  - Note: If a box is graffitied, our office will reach out to you to give you an opportunity to repair the box. If you are not able to or willing to, the box will have to be painted over and new art may be applied.
  - To receive the $250 sponsorship, you will need when requested to provide an invoice, a W-9, and a LA City Business Tax Registration Certificate (BTRC) Number.

- DOT guidelines must be met
  - Policy for Art of Traffic Signal Cabinets can be found HERE.