



Sunnyvale

Board and Commission Study Issue Form

The Study Issues process is designed to assist City Council with setting priorities for the coming calendar year. Board and commission members have two roles in this process:

1. To advise Council regarding the identification of policy issues to study, within their relevant area of authority;
2. To advise Council on those issues Council has decided to study.

The study issues process should focus on considering a new or revised ordinance, new or expanded service delivery program, changes to existing Council Policy, or amendments to the General Plan. The Study Issues Form is designed to focus board and commissioner members' ideas on potential policy study issues, and provide the opportunity for staff feedback and guidance in a transparent process. *Board members or commissioners may only fill out a form for study issue ideas within their purview.*

Date Submitted to Staff Liaison:

Board/ Commission:

Submitted by: Agnes Veith, Chair

Study Issue Working Title:

Celebrate Sunnyvale's Diverse Community

1. What are the key elements of the issue? What precipitated this study?

October is National Arts and Humanities Month (NAHM) launched by Americans for the Arts more than thirty years ago. The Arts Commission led events in 2022 (Yarn in the Park) and 2023 (Celebrating Fall) in support of NAHMA. While diverse members of our community did participate in these events, the events did not reflect or celebrate art specific to the diverse cultures that comprise our community.

Supporting programs throughout the year focusing on the art, dance, food, story telling... of the many cultures that make up our community may serve to meet two of NAHM's goals; focus on equitable access to the arts at local levels and encourage individuals and diverse communities to participate in the arts. These programs may also serve to further Sunnyvale's efforts to unify and celebrate the diversity that is our community.

2. Staff Summary of Scope and/or Comments: [Staff Use Only]

This suggestion is a good way to support the City's Diversity and Inclusion initiatives. However, it can be achieved through programming at a staff level and may not warrant the Study Issue process.

