

**CALL TO ARTISTS FOR THE  
DESIGN OF A BIKE RACK PROTOTYPE  
FOR THE CITY OF PALO ALTO, CA**

The Palo Alto Public Art Commission invites you to submit creative new designs for bike racks to be placed throughout the City of Palo Alto. Innovative designs should reflect the personality and community of Palo Alto – be creative! Palo Alto is committed to “being green”, and that includes encouraging the public to leave their cars at home and use bikes when possible. The Public Art Commission stands behind this initiative by promoting a creative bike rack design competition. The selected bike rack prototype becomes the property of the City of Palo. Anyone is invited to submit a proposal. The designer of the selected bike rack prototype will be awarded **\$2,000.00**.

**GUIDELINES**

- Designs shall be wholly new designs designed solely for the purposes of this competition and for use in Palo Alto.
- All designs must be non-abrasive to bike frames.
- Designs must be safe for pedestrians and cyclists – with no sharp edges or catch places.
- The bicycle should not have to be lifted more than 3 inches to access and be secured in the rack.
- The design must be compatible with commonly used U-locks.
- The design must allow for a bike to be secured by the frame and at least one wheel.
- The rack must support the bike at two points.
- Most sizes and shapes of bicycle frames and bike wheels should be able to use the rack (adult and child).
- All designs should be self-service and carry no operating costs.
- The design must accommodate 2 bikes.
- Designs should be sturdy enough for permanent installation and heavy use.
- Locking points must be between 1.5 and 3 feet from the ground.
- Design should be able to be fabricated out of schedule 40 steel pipe.
- Overall size of bike rack may not exceed 5’ x 5’.
- Color may be incorporated into the bike rack design via use of a powder coat surface finish.

**SUBMITTAL PROCESS:**

The proposal may be delivered by mailing or delivering the required documents to:

Design of a Bike Rack Prototype  
City of Palo Alto  
Palo Alto Art Center  
1313 Newell Road  
Palo Alto, CA 94303

Artists shall submit **10** copies of their proposal in a sealed envelope addressed as noted above and bearing the Artists' name and address CLEARLY MARKED, Design of a Bike Rack Prototype.

Artists will be responsible for submitting the following application materials, which must be included with each proposal.

**10** collated copies of the following (1-5 below):

1. A description of your proposed bike rack design which includes:
  - a. specify manufacturers material i.e., schedule 40 steel pipe, etc.
  - b. finish i.e. powder coat/color, aluminum, cast iron, etc.
2. All your contact information including name, address, phone, cell phone, email address.
3. Image of your proposed bike rack design i.e. drawing or computer generated image on no larger than 11" x 17" paper.
4. Resume (Not to exceed four pages)
5. An annotated digital image sheet of past and current work submitted.

**One (1)** set of the following (6-8 below):

6. jpeg images on CD of past and current work (maximum of 6 images)
7. Self addressed/stamped envelope for return of CD.
8. Stamped self-addressed postcard to indicate receipt of proposal.

### **PROPOSED TIMELINE:**

May 7 – Call to Artists issued

June 30 – Proposals due by 5:00 pm (see address above)

July 14 – Jurying

July 31 – Design fee awarded.

If you have additional questions about this Call to Artists process contact Darlene Katsanes, Division of Arts & Sciences, (650) 329-2227 or [darlene.katsanes@cityofpaloalto.org](mailto:darlene.katsanes@cityofpaloalto.org)

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