



# Utility Box Art Program Update

City Council Meeting

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June 2, 2025

# Submissions



Applications were accepted between  
September 1 through December 31, 2024.

**Artwork will be applied either by the artist  
through hand-painting or by a third-party  
vendor using a vinyl wrap.**

**15**

**Artists Applied**

**23**

**Designs Submitted**

**4**

**Utility Box Locations**

- E. Hillsdale Blvd. @ Gull Avenue
- Port Royal Ave. @ Edgewater Blvd.
- Metro Center Blvd. @ Edgewater Blvd.
- Foster City Blvd. @ Polynesia Drive



# Judging Criteria



The categories each evaluator was asked to score on included:

## 1. **Design & Creative Elements:**

Does the design demonstrate unique artistic vision and creativity? Is it an original concept rather than a replication of existing work?

## 2. **Artistic Quality & Execution:**

Are the artistic elements well executed?  
Does the design showcase skill and effort?

## 3. **Relevance to Foster City/Community Connection:**


Does the design align with and reflect the city? Does it foster a sense of pride or belonging within the community?

## 4. **Visual Impact:**

Does the design catch the viewer's attention? Is it engaging and aesthetically pleasing from a distance and up close?

## 5. **Suitability for Public Display:**

Is the content appropriate for all ages and inclusive of the community?  
Does it enhance the surroundings without being disruptive or controversial?



# 01

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SELECTION

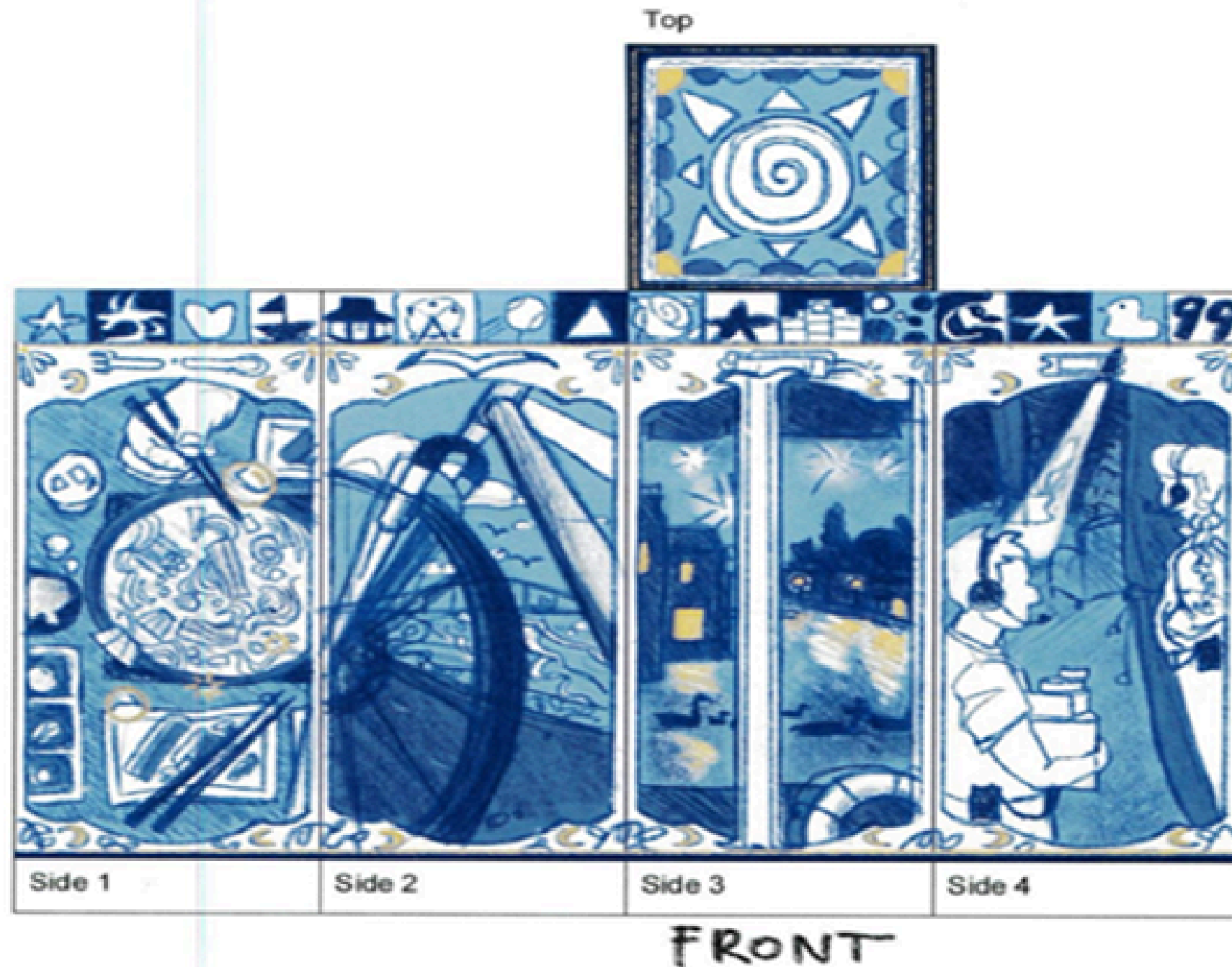


## **Selected Location:**

E. Hillsdale Boulevard @ Gull Avenue



# Kelania P.



## Foster City Resident

Been a resident since they were 3 year-old.

“What makes this city unique and familiar to me is the large Asian demographic that resides here.”

**Color Palette:** Lapis Blue from “qing hua” porcelain

**Main Inspiration:** food, events, leisure, and iconic Foster City landmarks.



# 02

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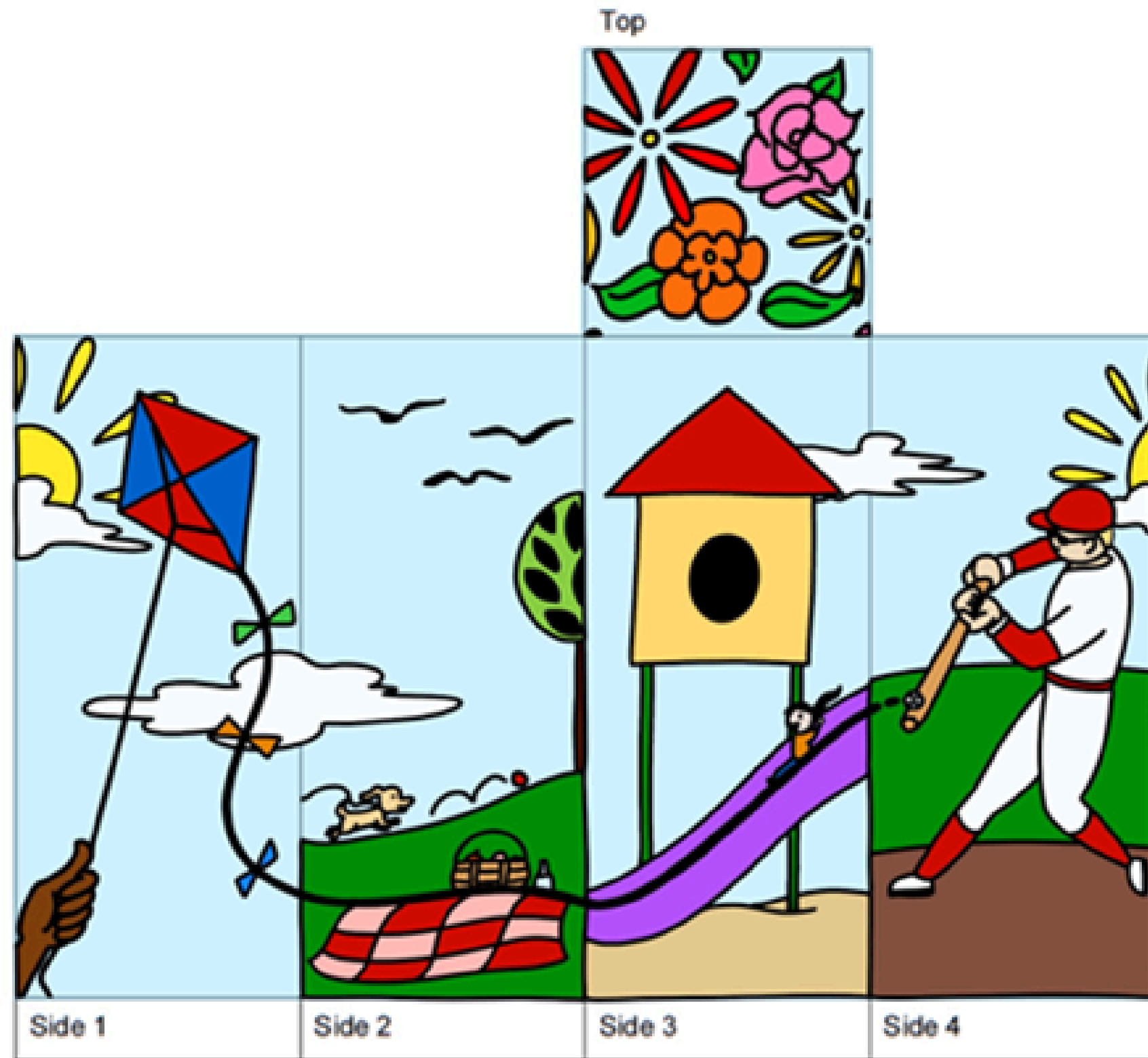


## **Selected Location:**

Port Royal Avenue @ Edgewater Boulevard



# Emily M.



**Foster City Resident**

“ My art will... remind passerby of the beautiful memories they’ve made in our public parks. ”

**Color Palette:** Vibrant colors representing the vibrant community.

**Main Inspiration:** Time spent with friends and family at our beautiful parks. Each panel represents residents at Edgewater Park.

# 03

**VINYL**

**SELECTION**



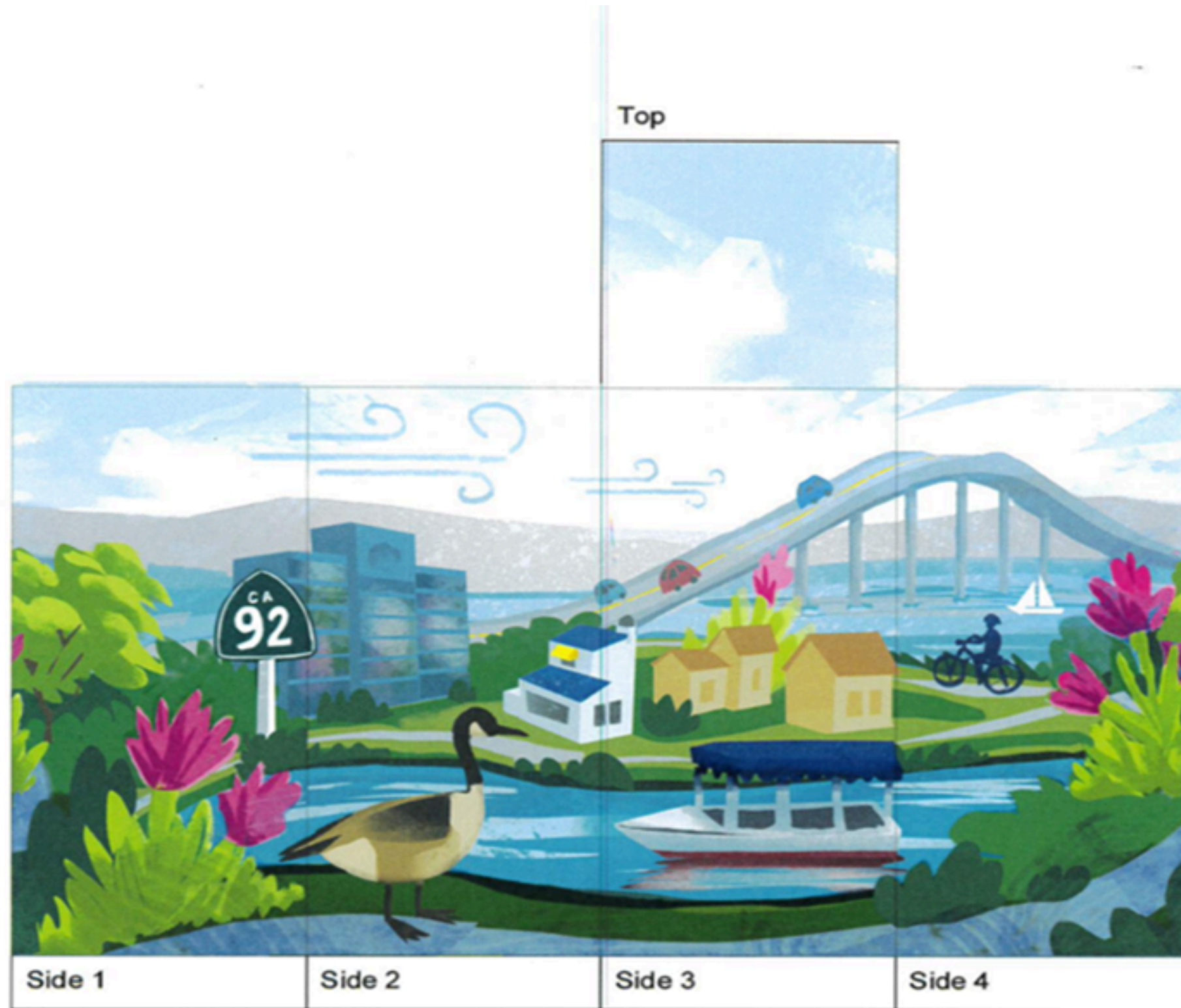
## **Selected Location:**

Metro Center Boulevard @ Edgewater Boulevard





# Shalan C.



## Works in Foster City

“I believe art is powerful and essential to the human experience, for how it inspires people, how it shapes the artist, and its ability to touch and communicate the mysteries of life.”

**Main Inspiration:** The artist has deep personal ties to this place—their spouse grew up here, their mother-in-law still lives here, and now they work here.



# 04

**VINYL**  
**SELECTION**



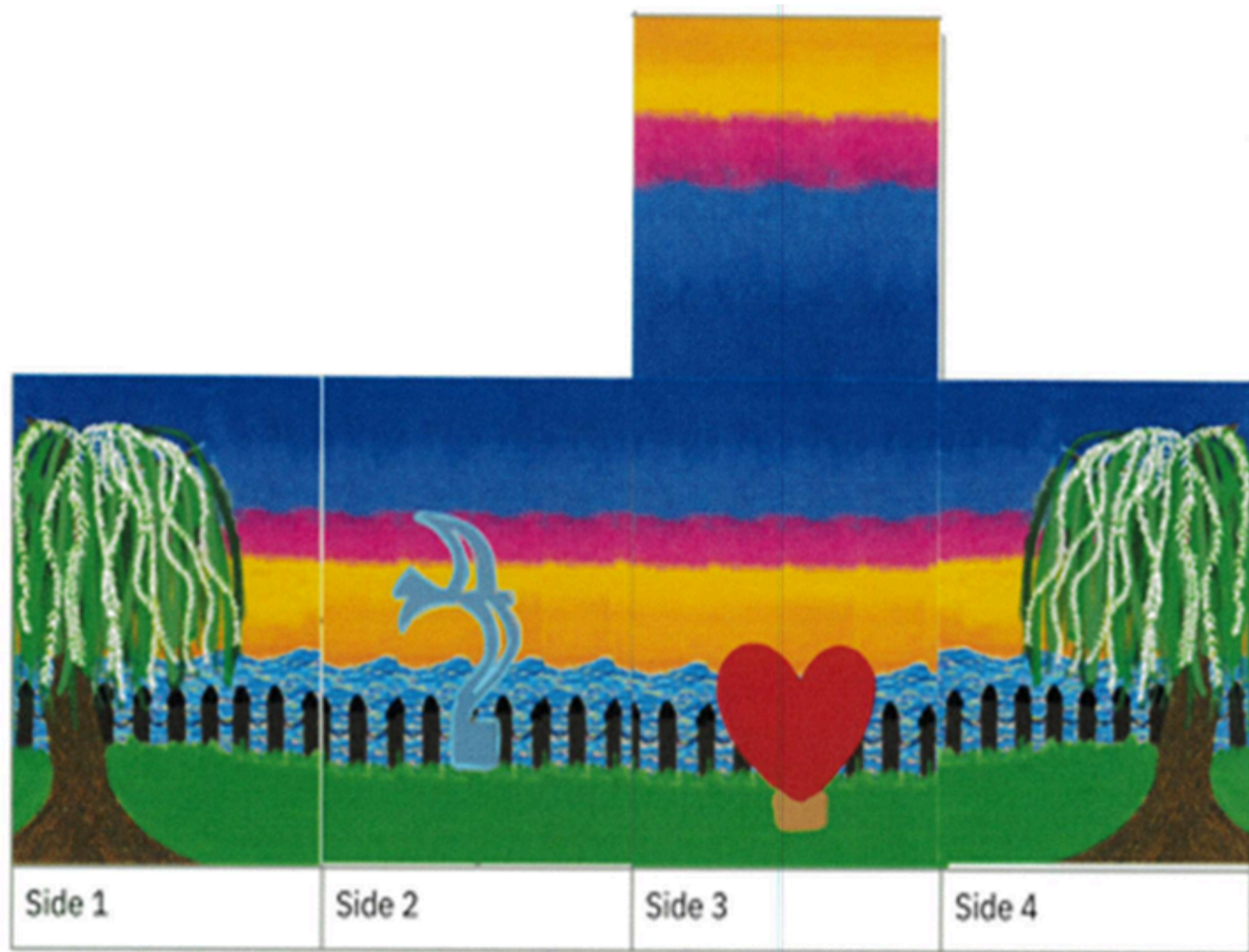
## **Selected Location:**

Foster City Boulevard @ Polynesia Drive





# Naisha O.



## Foster City Resident

“The phrase “Our Home, Foster City”... a community that embraces you for who you are, fosters your dreams, and feels like home.”

**Main Inspiration:** The artist was inspired by a trail in Foster City that their family discovered during the pandemic, lined with ice plants and willow trees. The natural beauty and the diversity of Foster City further shaped the vision behind the design.



# Next Steps



## **1. TONIGHT**

Pilot Program Update to City Council

## **2. JUNE-AUGUST 2025**

Installation of Artwork