

Buncombe County Board of Commissioners Request for Board Action Meeting Date: 8/15/23

Good News

Department: Strategic Partnerships

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Subject: Creative Equity Mural Project

Brief Summary: As part of the Creative Equity Mural Project, Buncombe County did a call for artists in fall 2022 seeking to pilot a public art program while enhancing a culture of diversity, equity and inclusion. In February 2023, Buncombe County announced awards to 3 selected artists. As of August 2023, we are celebrating the good news that 2 of these projects have been completed:

- Leslie Reynalte-Llanco has installed a mural entitled "Eros Un Orgullo Latino/You are Latin Pride" on a County-owned wall on Hilliard St. behind the Tax Office which is located at 94 Coxe Avenue.
- Gabriel Eng-Goetz has installed a mural entitled "Rebuild" on a County-owned building that houses the Register of Deeds, located at 205 College Street.