



### **For Immediate Release**

San Diego – August 12, 2020 - In light of the present global and local circumstances, the San Diego Art Institute Board has decided to take a 60-day “reset” given the present uncertainty of when SDAI can reopen safely. This time will be used to evaluate how to best move forward to ensure the safety of the visiting public.

In this context, the Executive Director’s contract, which expired on August 3, 2020, has not been renewed. Jacqueline Silverman came to SDAI at a time when SDAI’s 77-year old nonprofit organization was in need of significant reorganization. The San Diego Art Institute has emerged artistically strong and widely-respected in the San Diego regional arts community. The board is committed to maintaining the reputation and financial stability of the institution that has served over 50,000 youth, visitors and artists each year.

“Our primary focus is making our space safe and welcoming upon future reopening in accordance with State and County guidelines. During this reset, we also intend to review our programming to ensure it aligns with our mission and commitment to cultural equity going forward,” explained Board Chair, Karen Gilbert.

The Board will be convening virtually over the next two months to chart a course for the future and plan for a strong and vibrant reopening. A part-time Operations Manager has been contracted to maintain functionality and online programming, which includes the Regional Artists Market (RAM), until reopening to the public can proceed safely.

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