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## Public art is coming soon to a roundabout near you

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"Chameleon" is one of the proposed designs for public art at the Pleasant Hill Road roundabout. Image provided

Lafayette continues to beautify its city with art. The city's public art committee recently reviewed proposals for the latest piece, to be installed on the new Pleasant Hill Road/Olympic Boulevard roundabout and has narrowed the choice from four down to two.

The two potential installations can be seen on the city website and residents can review the proposals which are on display in the Lafayette Library & Learning Center in the Homework Room until March 27. Public comments are invited through the website.

It is a contest between a 16-foot sculpture, made of eight corten-steel connected dodecahedrons atop a five-foot pedestal by artist David Mudgett from Walnut Creek titled "Resolve," and "Chameleon" a 17-foot colorful, welded steel structure with four elements - a flowerpot, tree, chameleon and dragonfly by Oakland artist Gale Wagner.

In November 2016 the city council approved funding for the project to the tune of \$125,000.

The Public Art Committee will meet on April 12 and will then take their recommendation to the Lafayette City Council meeting on May 8.

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