

From: [DeMarzo, Elise](#)
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Subject: FW: The mural at Antonio's Nuthouse
Date: Friday, January 15, 2021 1:58:53 PM

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From: DeMarzo, Elise
Sent: Wednesday, January 6, 2021 12:10 PM
To: Jeff <jmdazed2003@yahoo.com>
Subject: RE: The mural at Antonio's Nuthouse

Hi Jeff,

Thank you for reaching out regarding the mural located at Antonio's Nut House. In answer to your question, there are state and federal protections for public art: the Visual Artist's Rights Act and the California Art Preservation Act. There have been quite a few recent high profile cases regarding mural removal litigation in the press. Please let me know if you would like to set up a quick call and I can point you to a few resources where you might find more specific guidance.

All the best,
Elise DeMarzo

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From: Jeff <jmdazed2003@yahoo.com>
Sent: Tuesday, January 5, 2021 9:00 PM
To: PAC <pac@cityofpaloalto.org>
Subject: The mural at Antonio's Nuthouse

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Hello, my name is Jeff Day. I'm a resident of Palo Alto and have been working in the city for the last 21 years. I am also a board member of the Palo Alto Historical Association for the last two years. My family has been in Palo Alto since the 1920's and I spend much time trying to preserve some of the rich history this city has. I even cut open the time capsule and my family and I helped display it for the public during the Palo Alto Day at the Civic Center.

The reason I am reaching out to you is that I have just heard that the owners of 321 California Avenue have not renewed the lease for the business, Antonio's Nuthouse. Along the outer wall facing Birch Street is a large mural painted by Mohamed Soumah as you all well know. It seems that the owners of the building do not wish for the Nuthouse to occupy the building anymore and want them to vacate very soon. I was wondering if Mohamed has any rights for his public art to not be destroyed or painted over? The building was deemed historic, as it was a drive up Safeway market many years ago.

Any thoughts on this?

Thank you very much,
Jeffrey Day

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From: [Megan Swezey Fogarty](#)
To: [PAC](#)
Subject: Artists in Downtown
Date: Saturday, November 21, 2020 6:29:06 PM

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Arts Commissioners,

Thanks for all you do to make our community a special place to live. I caught the end of a great story on NPR that SF is using artists at popular places in the city to communicate about staying healthy and safe - singing, dancing, etc.

We have so many under-employed. It might be fun for the commission to consider working with them on CA Ave and University to do this and/or bring joy and a celebratory spirit through performance to our outside spaces this holiday season.

Megan Swezey Fogarty

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